

## NEWS

### Shred Shack opens to promote freestyle sports

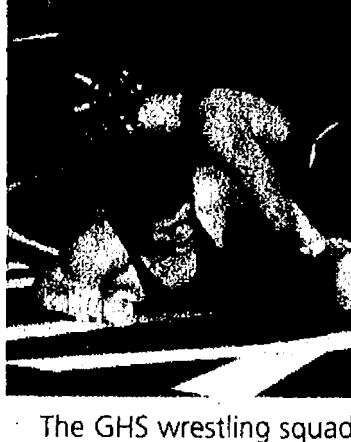
A business aimed at getting youth involved in freestyle skiing, snowboarding and skateboarding recently opened its doors just in time for Christmas and the winter season.

The Shred Shack, located at 607 James Street by the S & K Marathon station and the Dollar Castle, opened for business on Dec. 1.

The business carries skis, snowboards and skateboards as well as clothing and accessories. **Page 9A**

## SPORTS

### Wrestlers defeat Elks, Blazers in league opener



The GHS wrestling squad defeated the Kalkaska Blazers and the Elk Rapids Elks in a three-team conference meet hosted by Grayling High School on Monday night.

"I'm glad to get the first league matches out of the way. It was good to get two wins," Coach Andy Moore said.

On Wednesday night the Vikings posted two more league wins, defeating Boyne City and Charlevoix in a meet hosted by the Rayders. Grayling won 48-21 vs. Boyne City. The Vikings defeated Charlevoix 54-12. **Page 1B**

### JV girls win by 10 vs. Harbor Springs on Thursday



Grayling High School's junior varsity girls basketball team won its league opener on Thursday night, defeating the visiting Rams of Harbor Springs 36-26.

The Vikings trailed early in the game but they battled back in the second quarter.

Harbor Springs led 7-2 at the end of the first period. The Rams scored the first two baskets of the second quarter to lead 11-2.

Grayling outscored Harbor Springs 16-3 during the last 5:30 of the second period. **Page 4B**

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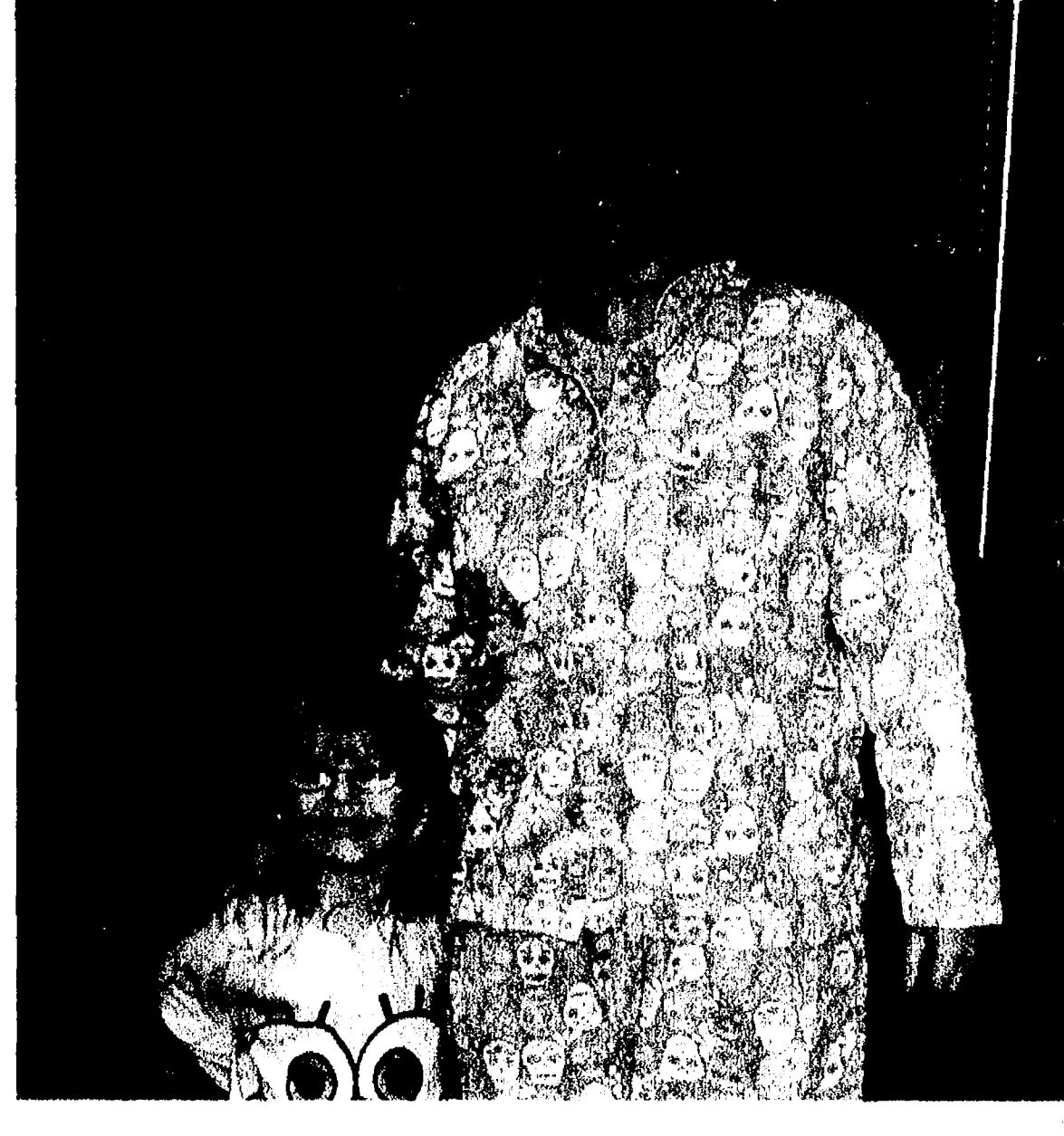
# Avalanche

Merry Christmas

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## Library holds 'Twas the Week before Christmas program

Staff at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library hosted a program called 'Twas the Week before Christmas on Friday. Above, Heidi Farmer and her daughter Penny were among many who attended the program in their pajamas. Below, youngsters make Christmas crafts.



## Woman found in Lake Margrethe

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

A Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy recovered the body of a deceased woman from the frigid waters of Lake Margrethe early Sunday.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk A. Wakefield said a 911 call was received at 9:17 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18, reporting a female was in Lake Margrethe and was believed to be deceased.

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies and the Grayling City Police responded and found a body floating approximately 200 feet from shore. It was unknown as to when the individual may have entered the water. A Deputy entered the water and brought the body back to shore. Mobile Medical Response (MMR) EMS were on the scene, and the woman was pronounced dead.

The family of the individual found deceased, who reported the body in the lake, as they followed the footprints from their residence to the location she was found. The woman was identified as Elizabeth Ann Herberg, 49, from Portage.

Wakefield said no foul play is believed to be suspected.

The Grayling City/Township Fire Department, Grayling City Police Department and MMR assisted Deputies at the scene.



Above, a Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy recovered the body of a deceased woman from the frigid waters of Lake Margrethe early Sunday.

## Hanson Hills plans for a white winter school break

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

There will be a white Christmas, at least at Hanson Hills, as they prepare to get youth outside for their school winter break.

Grayling Recreation Authority employees, who operate Hanson Hills, began making snow with snow guns in conjunction with the little snow that Mother Nature provided last week.

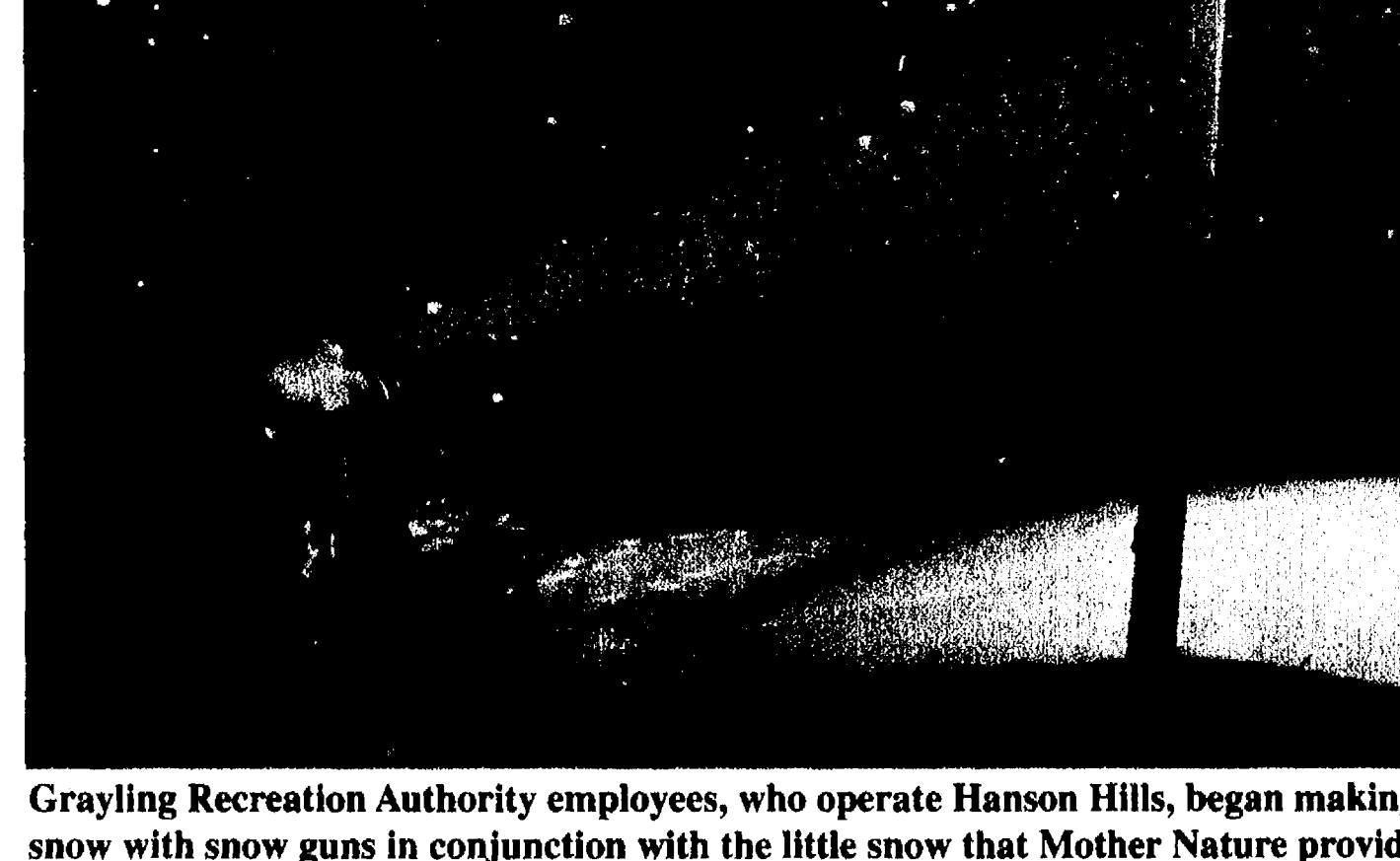
"We got a couple of good mounds, but that was it," said Jeremy Beroeset, the programs and events coordinator for the Grayling Recreation Authority.

Snow making efforts continued over the weekend and will continue during evening hours, when the temperature dips below the freezing mark.

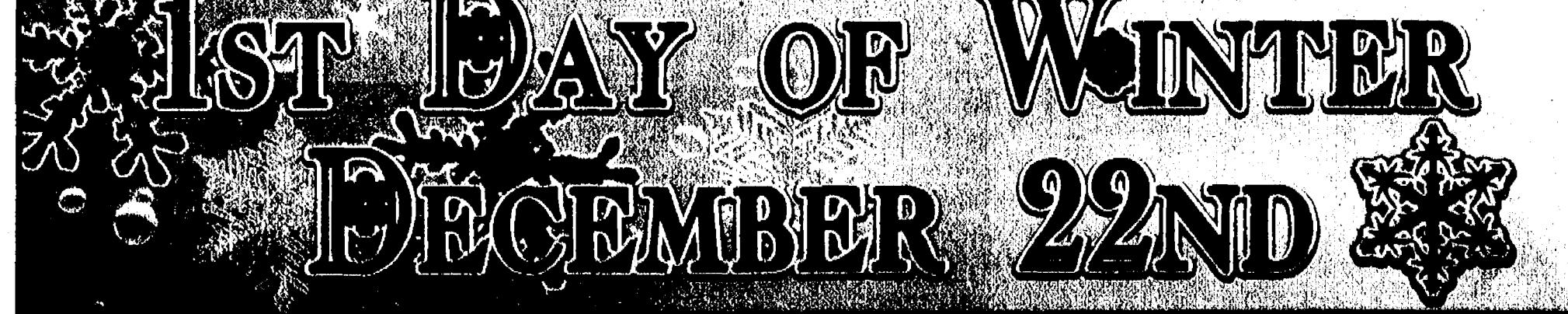
"It's hour by hour around here," Beroeset said.

Hanson Hills plans to be open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 23, when the Crawford AuSable School District closes for winter break.

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Grayling Recreation Authority employees, who operate Hanson Hills, began making snow with snow guns in conjunction with the little snow that Mother Nature provided last week. Above, a snow gun is pictured in operation during a previous ski season.



# Stream & Lake Map of Michigan

## LOST STREAM MAP

The STREAM & LAKE MAP OF MICHIGAN resembles another map known to Pennsylvania anglers as the "Lost Stream Map."

It was completed in 1965 after a 30 year effort by Howard Higbee, a former Penn State Professor.

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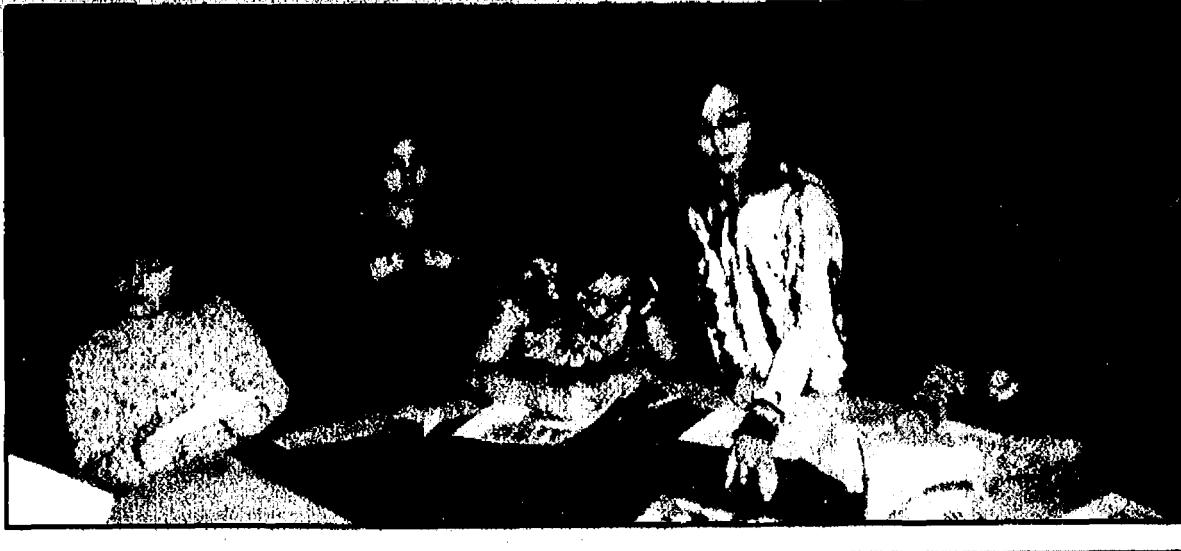
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## Kids Night Out gives students, parents a fun-filled evening



Photos courtesy of Angie Golnick

Kids Night Out was held at the Grayling High School (GHS) earlier this month to give students a night of fun-filled activities and a chance for parents to get in some Christmas shopping. Activities included a bounce castle, face painting, a coloring contest, Christmas ornament and card making, necklace or bracelet making, pin the nose on Rudolf or mustache on Santa, salon tables, runway model dress up, blocks, basketball, hula hoops, jump ropes and the bean bag toss game. Fifty student volunteers, 15 chaperones and other parents worked at the activity stations and provided security. Kids Night Out, which had 207 Grayling Elementary Students preregistered and 89 students registered at the door, was a fund-raiser for the yearbook and the prom for the GHS Class of 2013. Above, students work on crafts. Below, a trio of girls are pictured at the runway model dress up station.



# Grayling County Sheriff's Office

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# The gift of Christmas is given through Stuff the Goose



Hundreds of toys and non-perishable items were donated to the Toys for Tots of Crawford County campaign last weekend through the Michigan State Police's Stuff the Goose program. The goose refers to the "Blue Goose," the patrol vehicles used by the Michigan State Police. Shoppers at the Grayling Kmart filled several carts and boxes with toys and items and made donations for toys that were purchased in the store Saturday. Above left, Andrea Comer, and son Pvt. Zachery Beroiset of Grayling, who recently completed a U.S. Marine Corps boot camp, transfers toys from a shopping cart to a box. Toys for Tots was started by the United States Marine Corps Reserve in 1947. Above, Trooper John Julian, from the Houghton Lake Post of the Michigan State Police, comes back to get another box of toys to stuff in his Blue Goose. Below left, Julian, Comer, Beroiset, Linda Northrop, the Toys for Tots coordinator for Crawford County, and Jodi Goodhue, manager for the Grayling Kmart, are pictured in front of the Blue Goose as it is being stuffed.

## Local United Ways to distribute toy trucks to children in need this holiday season

Over 25 volunteers from local United Ways and Labor Unions worked hand in hand and helped unload over 14,000 toy trucks that will be distributed to children in need throughout the State of Michigan.

This is the 11th year that American Plastic Toys, an American toy manufacturer, located in Walled Lake, has donated almost 15,000 toys annually (165,000 total) to the Michigan Association of United Ways for distribution to its networks and an additional 165,000 to the Lions Club.

LyondellBasell donated 12,000 pounds of plastic, American Plastics Toys donated a week's worth of production time to produce the toys and apply stickers that were donated by Maple Press. E.L. and

Hollingsworth of Wixom handled the transportation.

This program is a perfect example of collaboration by the Society of Plastic Engineers and Michigan Association of United Ways.

This holiday season, Crawford County United Way will distribute 40 high quality toy trucks to children in our community through the Christmas program at the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center.

"We are so pleased some of the toys from this collaboration have reached northern Michigan to brighten Christmas for many children and their parents," said Cheryll Ruley, Executive Director of Crawford County United Way. "The 'Live United' motto we

embrace is well represented in this effort and proves that many hands make light work, especially when focused on a common goal."

In 2011, Crawford County United Way allocated \$32,500.00 to 16 local human service agencies and organizations, provided school supplies and backpacks for students in need, created a scholarship for most community service hours by a Grayling High School graduating senior, and is now a supporter of the Friends of Young Scholars program at Kirtland Community College.

To make a tax-deductible donation, send check or money order to Crawford County United Way, P.O. Box 171, Grayling, MI 49738.

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"We match everything with the schools and we cater to the school district," Beroiset said.

Andy Sullivan, a forecaster for the National Weather Service office located just south of Gaylord, said no big snow storms are expected in the near future.

"It's going to be milder than we suspected," Sullivan said.

Sullivan said the snow made at Hanson Hills and other ski resorts should stick and there may be some lake effect snow as weather systems move across the Great Lakes.

"It's just more of the same, basically what we've had over the last couple of weeks," Sullivan said. "It's kind of a mixed bag. There will be no big storms, but there will be no big warm ups during the same time period."

Sullivan said staff and ski hills should not count on

much cooperation from Mother Nature.

"Maybe a little, but not much," Sullivan said.

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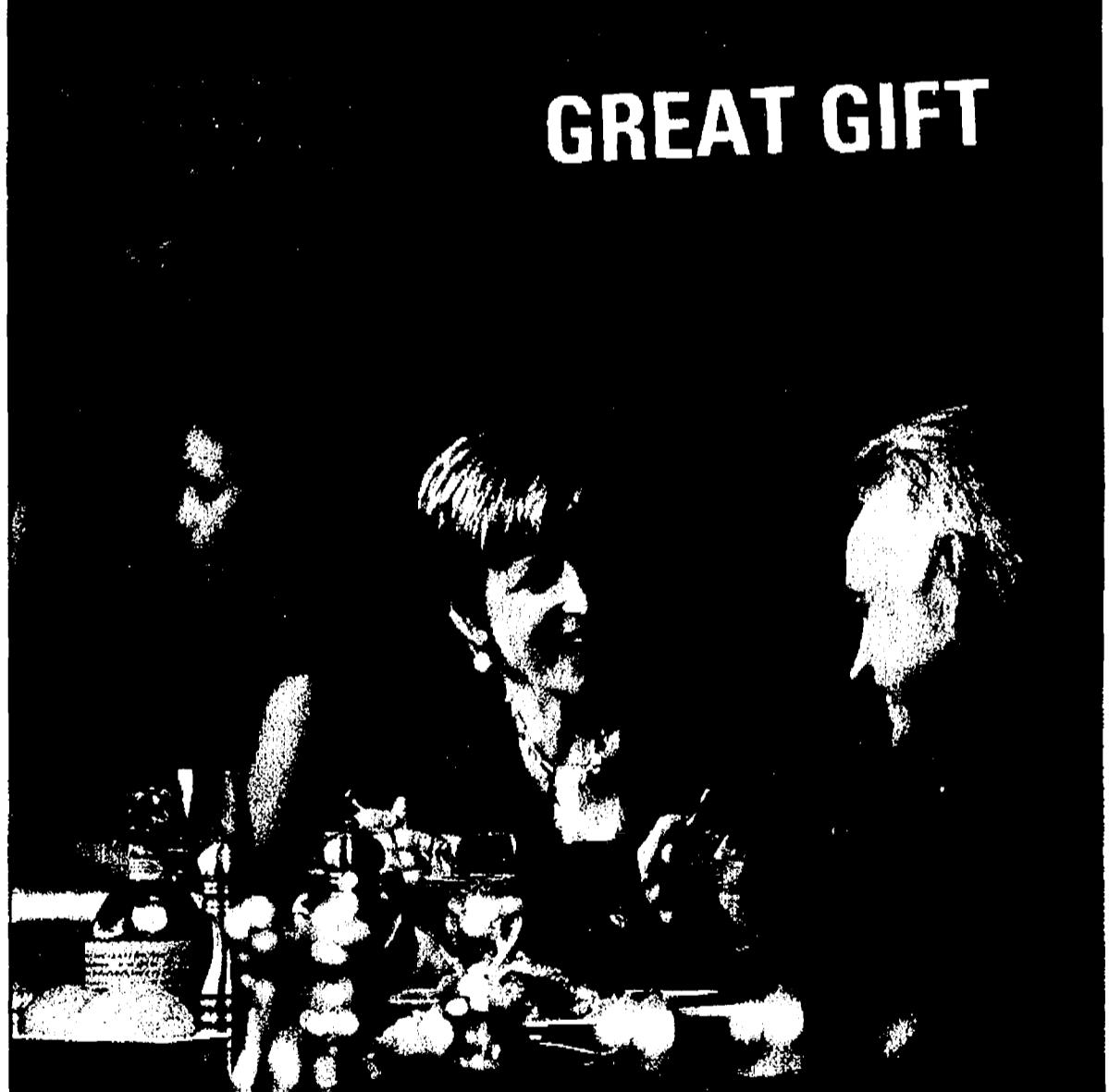
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# Issues and Opinions



## Almanack

by Richard Milliman

### Christmas can be observed in many ways

**(Note to Readers:** This Christmas column appeared a few years ago, and is repeated this year with minor adjustments. Merry Christmas to all Almanack readers!)

CHRISTMAS TIME is a time for good and happy things, and a time for stories about Christmases in past years.

We all make our own lore about our personal Christmas history. Most of our Christmas memories are happy ones.

It's our nature to remember the good things about life, but each of us probably has had a few clunkers thrown into past Christmases once in a while. We don't dwell on the sad times, however, unless they somehow produced some unexpected or lasting good results.

Here are a couple of Christmas stories which may be especially significant this year, as America hopefully closes the chapter on our long, draining war in Iraq, even while American service personnel still fight on in Afghanistan .... and while our American space program seems to be fading into a memory.

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FOR MANY YOUNG men earlier in this century, Christmas probably was not a day eagerly anticipated. They were British sol-

diers fighting a war and separated from their homes and loved ones as Christmas came.

But strange things happened on the World War I battle front in 1914 ... a miracle perhaps.

On the Western Front during World War I, fighting had been fierce, but on Christmas Eve in 1914, firing from the German trenches suddenly stopped. British soldiers then halted their firing, too.

All was quiet. It became an unofficial and unexpected Christmas peace.

Although soldiers on both sides had been warned sternly against fraternization, some German soldiers and some British soldiers left their rifles behind and cautiously emerged from their separate trenches into no-man's land.

Then more soldiers from both sides came out, too. Soon they were shaking hands, wishing each other Merry Christmas, even exchanging cigarettes and schnapps. Soldiers from different nations traded names and addresses, joining together in Christmas songs. Christmas trees and lanterns appeared from the trenches. The Germans brought out a keg of beer, and the British produced tins of beef and jam.

The unofficial truce which

began on Christmas Eve lasted all of Christmas Day. Makeshift soccer games even developed.

On the morning after Christmas, the British captain fired three shots into the air and returned to his post on the British side.

His German counterpart - who had been drinking beer with the British officer just hours earlier - also had returned to the German side. The two officers bowed to each other, saluted, and all the troops returned to their own lines.

A few moments later, the Germans fired two shots into the air.

And the war was back on again.

The story of the Christmas Eve truce is a fascinating tale, and indicates how the magic of Christmas can be at work .... if we give it a chance.

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ANOTHER WONDERFUL Christmas story also involves men wearing the uniforms of their country at Christmas time.

On December 21, 1968, just a few days before Christmas, Apollo 8 lifted off from the Kennedy Space Center on the first manned mission to the moon.

Its purpose was to orbit the moon in preparation for an actual moon landing on a subsequent space shot.

The astronauts of 1968, like the doughboys of 1914, were separated from their families, their loved ones, and their familiar surroundings for the magic time that is Christmas.

But the crew of Apollo 8 did not forget nor neglect the real meaning of Christmas, even while they were on such an unusual and important mission and a great distance from home.

As Apollo 8 entered its orbit around the moon on Christmas Eve, the crew began to relay back to Earth live television pictures of the moon and the Earth.

As Christmas 1968 dawned on Earth, this is how the crew ended their broadcast from space:

"For all the people on Earth, the crew of Apollo 8 has a message we would like to send you:

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep ...."

Then the three man crew taking turns continued reading the first 10 verses of the Book of Genesis, which ended:

"... and God called the dry land earth; and the gathering together of the waters He called the Seas. And God saw that it was good."

Commander Frank Borman then

concluded the Christmas message from space: "And from the crew of Apollo 8, we close with good night, good luck, a Merry Christmas, and God bless all of you ... all of you on the good Earth."

The vastness of space, and the perspective the astronauts were observing first hand added special significance to their choice of message.

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JUST AS THE soldiers from opposing sides of World War I, fought 54 years earlier, the men of Apollo 8 also recognized the real reason for the season of Christmas.

The ALMANACK is pleased to echo Apollo's message from space 40 years later, but from the perspective of familiar ground instead of the vastness of space:

To all of you, from the Almanack, a very Merry Christmas and a wish that God's blessings reach every one of you and all your loved ones.

# # #

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## Viewpoint

By Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield

### Take precautions against burglars

As family and friends reunite this holiday season many leave their houses empty, which is tempting to burglars. The Michigan Sheriffs' Association and Sheriff Kirk Wakefield want to offer you the following tips to help make your absence less noticeable and your house less attractive to burglars.

Remember to lock all doors and windows - even the doors that open into your garage. Those garage doors are easier to open than you think.

Make sure your locks are sturdy - all entry doors should have deadbolts. If your entry doors have windows in them make sure your deadbolt is keyed on both sides and DON'T leave the key in the inside lock.

Make sure you put your newspaper and mail delivery on hold before you

leave. Burglars really do look for piled up newspapers and mail as a sign your home is empty. Leaving mail unattended for days also opens you up to potential identity theft.

Make arrangements for a neighbor to create car and foot tracks to your house if it snows while you're gone. You should arrange for someone to shovel your sidewalks and driveway while you're away, too.

A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town you can buy a device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television.

Make sure someone you trust in your neighborhood knows you're out of town so they can watch for anything suspicious. Nosy neighbors are a great deterrent because

burglars will break a window to get in knowing that most people will stop if they hear a sound but if the sound doesn't repeat they will shrug it off. Your neighbor is more likely to call the police if they know you're out of town and it can't be you making that noise.

Avoid announcing your vacation on Facebook or any other social networking site. It's easier than you think to find your address.

For more safety tips Sheriff Wakefield encourages residents to visit the Michigan Sheriffs' Association website at [www.misheriff.org](http://www.misheriff.org) where you can sign up to receive monthly newsletters.

Founded in 1877, the Michigan Sheriffs' Association is the oldest law enforcement organization in Michigan.

## Letters to the Editor

### Student searching for Michigan items for class project

To the editor:

Each member of our class is working on a project called the "Parade of States." We are responsible for gathering as much information as we can from a number of sources.

I have chosen Michigan for my state. If any of your readers would help me out by sending any pictures,

postcards, a used license plate, facts, products, etc. from your state, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please send the information to: Cascade Christian School, 601 Ninth Ave., SE., Puyallup, Wa 98372.

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5th grade student  
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## Letters to the Editor

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published with

out the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

## Holiday Hours:

The Crawford County Avalanche will be closed on Monday, December 26th.

The Avalanche will re-open on Tuesday, December 27th at 9am.

## Early Holiday Deadlines:

The December 29th Avalanche will be on newsstands Wednesday, December 28th.

Deadlines for the December 29th issue are:

Display Ads: Thurs. Dec. 22nd at noon  
Community News: Fri. Dec. 23rd at noon

Classified Display Ads: Fri. Dec. 23rd at noon

Classified Ads by the word: Tues. Dec. 27th at noon

Our office will be closed on Monday, January 2nd.

The Avalanche office will re-open on Tuesday, January 3rd at 9am.

Deadlines for the January 5th issue are:

Display Ads: Thurs. Dec. 29th at noon  
Community News: Fri. Dec. 30th at noon

Classified Display Ads: Fri. Dec. 30th at noon

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# Briefs

## Secretary of State to close

All state branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed on Friday, Dec. 23, Monday, Dec. 26 and SUPER!Centers will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 24, Friday, Dec. 30 and Monday, Jan. 2 and SUPER!Centers will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 31, in observance of Christmas and New Year's holidays.

## Church to hold Christmas Eve service

Bear Lake Christian Church, will hold their annual Christmas Eve service on Dec. 24, at 9 p.m. Everyone welcome, come as you are.

## Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to [crawfordcountyavalanche.com](http://crawfordcountyavalanche.com), click on community and go to the community calendar.

## Lions Club to hold free vision screening for children

The Grayling Lions Club, Inc. will hold a free vision screening for children in conjunction with Project Kidsight, in partnership with Children's Hospital of Michigan.

The screening provides instant photographs of a child's eyes to determine the presence of disorders including far and nearsightedness, astigmatism, strabismus (misaligned eyes), anisometropia (unequal refractive power), and media opacities (i.e. cataracts).

This screening is over 90% effective in detecting problems that can cause vision problems.

## People Fund Grant applications due by February

The Great Lakes Energy People Fund is accepting grant applications from non-profit organizations throughout its local service area. The upcoming grant application deadline is Feb. 1, 2012.

The People Fund is supported solely by Great Lakes Energy members who allow their electric cooperative to round up their bill each month to the next dollar. Since 1999 more than \$2.2 million in grants have been awarded to charitable and community organizations throughout Great Lakes Energy's 26-county service area, which stretches from Kalamazoo

to the Mackinac Straits.

"Through the generosity of our members who round-up their bill to the nearest dollar, we can give back to organizations in need," says President/CEO Steve Boeckman. "We encourage non-profit community organizations to apply so that the funds can be put to good use in our local service area."

Non-profit organizations can apply for a grant through the People Fund by downloading the application at [www.gtlakes.com](http://www.gtlakes.com). The application can also be requested by calling Great Lakes Energy, 1-888-485-2537, ext. 1313.

## Raffle Winners

### Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Dec. 18 of \$25 each; Joann Root, Dean Worden, Candy Seymour, Marilyn Hawkins (2), Art Thayer (2), Ann Stanley, Kenny McKinnon, Steve Green

(2), Sharon Johnson, Mel Moore, Lyle Canfield, Mike Barr, Stan Ott and George Klee.

### Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle on Dec. 16 was Connie Beard.

## Chamber spotlights Grayling Co-Op Preschool in December



The Grayling Cooperative Preschool received the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Club Spotlight-a-Member Award for December. Pictured above with teachers Liz Reynolds and Kaitlin Dulkowski and students.

The Grayling Cooperative Preschool was selected as the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Club Spotlight-a-Member award recipient for December.

The preschool began in 1967 thanks to the hard work of two moms, Nancy Gazan and Marian Wittnerberg.

After a year of gathering information from other preschools and working to meet licensing requirements, the Grayling Cooperative Nursery School opened in Michelson Memorial Church in Grayling.

In 1974, the nursery was able to incorporate and purchase their own modular classroom with the support of parents and the community. The classroom was first located on Plum Street and moved to its current location on Ingham Street in 1995.

They offer a preschool experience to 3-5 year old children and provide an excellent preschool education for children through a stimulating and creative atmosphere. The activities lay groundwork for the more formal academic learning that will follow in years to come.

The students attend field trips to various places throughout the community at least once a month. These adventures are educational and/or recreational. Past trips have included visiting the fire station, dentist's office and the fish hatchery.

All parents are encouraged to participate in the operation of the Grayling Co-op by holding a board position or working on one of the school's committees.

The Grayling Cooperative Preschool has been a chamber member since 2004.

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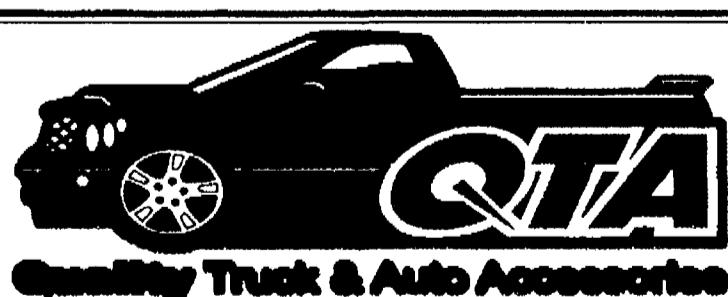


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# The Bible Speaks

## Peace in God's Kingdom

Romans 14:17 teaches us the true and false views of God's kingdom. "17For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." God's righteousness by grace through faith alone is the theme of Romans. "16For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, 'The just shall live by faith.' " As Isaiah 64:6 reminds us, "...all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags...." Christ Jesus is made unto us righteousness. (1 Corinthians 1:30). He was made righteousness for us by His perfect life, and He was made sin for us by dying on the cross in our place. "21For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Having God's righteousness by faith in Jesus Christ is the first step to God's peace. "17And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever." (Isaiah 32:17). Through faith in Jesus Christ: "10Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other." (Psalm 85:10). One of His names prophesied in Isaiah 9:6 was, "...The Prince of Peace." "For He is our peace..." (Eph. 2:14), just as He is our righteousness. (1 Cor. 1:30).

We are justified through faith in Him resulting in peace with God. "1Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ;" (Romans 5:1). Faith in His shed blood for our sins reconciles us to God. "20And, having made peace through the blood of his cross,

by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven." (Colossians 1:20). Hebrews 13:20 assures us that by faith in His resurrection, we know we are His sheep through the everlasting covenant of His word: "20Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant." This is why Christians preach the gospel of peace. (Acts 10:36).

But having peace with God does not mean we always have the peace of God in our lives. Philippians 4:6,7 teaches us not to be filled or controlled with cares, anxieties, and worries, but with gratitude to God as we pray, committing all cares to Him: "6Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." 3Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee." (Isaiah 26:3).

"65Great peace have they which love thy law; and nothing shall offend them." (Psalm 119:165).

"7When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him."

(Proverbs 16:7). Jesus' birth proclaimed peace in Luke 2:14:

"14Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Jesus left us His peace in John 14:27: "27Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." Pastor "B"

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## Obituaries

### Donald L. Millikin

Donald LeRoy Millikin, 79, of Grayling, passed away on December 17, 2011.

He was born in Grayling, on June 27, 1932, a son of the late Mabel (Hoffman) and Jack Millikin.

He married the former Elizabeth (Betst) Niederer on September 5, 1952 in Grayling.

He is survived by wife, Betsy of 59 years; daughters: Kathryn, (Robert) Madsen of Grayling, Molly Ann, (Daniel) Van Nuck of Grayling, Janna (Marty) O'Mara, of Traverse City, Roslyn (Timothy) Van Nuck of Grayling; son, Jack (Melissa) Millikin of Grayling; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; brothers: Larry, Jerry, and David Millikin; sisters: Dorothy Walker, Yvonne Bindschatel, Caroline Collins, Susan Hohl and Janet Broome; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by parents; son, Donald Lee Millikin; brother, Jack Millikin.

A funeral service was held at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 21, 2011 with Reverend Elizabeth Chace officiating.

Interment was at Elmwood Cemetery Grayling.

Condolences may be sent to [www.sorensonlockwood.com](http://www.sorensonlockwood.com).

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Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

### Emma L. Dasho

Emma Lucille Dasho, 82, of Maple Forest Township.

She was born in Reynoldsville, Pa., on March 10, 1929, a daughter of the late Pearl (Jones) and John Borgeson.

She married James Dasho on June 11, 1949 in Wyandotte. They were married for 61 years before he preceded her in death in 2010.

Emma enjoyed family, traveling, and the company of friends. Emma was a member of Mt. Hope Lutheran Church.

She is survived by daughter, Cathy (Mark) Kniss of Frederic; son, James Dasho of Roscommon; grandchildren: Jason (Kristin) Dasho of Frederic, Emily Dasho of Houghton Lake, Dale Kniss of Manistee, Nicole Gibson of Fife Lake; brothers, Jim (Debbie) Asmus of Woodhaven, Bill (Joyce) Asmus, of Washington.

She was preceded in death by husband, James; and brother, John Borgeson.

A funeral was held at 1 p.m., on Tuesday, December 20 at Mt. Hope Lutheran with Reverend Todd Brunworth officiating.

Interment was at Maple Forest Cemetery.

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Memorial contributions may be sent to Lutheran Child and Family Services, P.O. Box 1020 Gaylord, MI 49734.

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## VanSickles wed



**Mathew and Alyssa VanSickle**

Alyssa and Mathew VanSickle were married at the Grayling Court House on December 14, 2011.

The couple was supported by family and friends.

## Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Dec. 23 - Closed. Monday, Dec. 26 - Closed.

Tuesday, Dec. 27 - Lunch - salmon patty, baked potato, corn, winter blend vegetable and pears. Dinner - stuffed peppers, carrots, sliced beets and fruit cocktail. 10 a.m. Bible Study and Zumba Gold, 1 p.m. Euchre, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. foot clinic - appointment required, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, Dec. 28 - Lunch - stuffed Florentine

shells, broccoli, cauliflower and peaches. Dinner - herb marinated chicken breast, oven roasted potatoes, stewed tomatoes, plums and pudding. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. pool -Ball in Hand, Wii bowling and Mahjong.

Thursday, Dec. 29 - Lunch - beef burrito, lettuce and tomato, rice, green beans, mandarin oranges and cookies. Dinner - pepperoni pizza, asparagus, coleslaw and sliced apples.

10 a.m. crafting and Pokeno, 1 p.m. UNO Attack, UnLucky 7's and pool - 8 Ball, 3 pm. Hilltop Manor Cardo.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

## Library News

The C.C.L.L. (Crawford County Library's Literary) Book Club will meet at Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, Dec. 27 at 5 p.m. This month's discussion is on the holiday classic "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens, and will be led by Paula Sells.

Members are asked to bring a wrapped gently used book for a gift exchange! Call Jane at 989-348-9214 for more info.

The Genealogy Group meets at Devereaux

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## Range Firing

Range activities at Camp Grayling for Dec. 29-Jan. 4 will be as follows:

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This firing schedule is subject to change without notice.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371. For further information call 989-344-6100.

## Card of Thanks

On behalf of the Michigan Firemen's Memorial Festival Committee, we would like to say thanks to Goodales Bakery, and also Linda Goodale for helping us provide the annual C.O.O.R. kids Christmas party. Without this kind of community support we could not continue this program. For some of these kids, this party, seeing Santa, decorating a few cookies and receiving a gift is their Christmas.

Thanks again and be blessed in the New Year!

Doug Hodges  
President MFMFC

## Sheriff's Report

obstructing court order, one weapons offense-possession of weapon, one disorderly conduct, two peace disorderly complaints, one anarchism, one harassing communications, one health/safety violations, seven miscellaneous arrests, 18 traffic accidents, one traffic policing, one accident-water, two investigations-family trouble, seven suspicious situations, one drug overdose and one driving on revoked/suspended license.

One EMS response, 13 general non-criminal complaints, one delinquent minors, three false alarm activations, two assault and battery/simple assaults, one aggravated assault-family gun, one burglary-no forced entry-residence, four larcenies, one non-sufficient funds checks, two damage to property complaints, one

## Births

Maria and John Brazelton, of Rose City, announce the birth of their son, Hunter J., born at Mercy Hospital on December 8, 2011, at 11:14 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 10 ozs., and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length.

**The Family of Dr. Vernon B. Blaha**

Would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all those who showed so much care and concern in the loss of our beloved husband, father, grandfather & great-grandfather.

To the 911 operator, Matt Larson & Aaron Pryor with the ambulance & Dr. David Hunter and the ER staff at Mercy Hospital for their prompt, timely & caring response...

To Dr. Malcolm Field, the ER staff & the entire Neuro-Intensive Care Unit (NICU) staff at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw for their exceptional and tender, loving care...

To Terri & Rick Lockwood and Clinton Ross at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home for the wonderful visitation & for all of their help & incredible support...

To Rev. Elizabeth Chase, members of St. Francis Episcopal Church, and to all those who participated in providing such a beautiful service...

To the outstanding staff at the Ramada Inn for their delicious buffet luncheon following the service...

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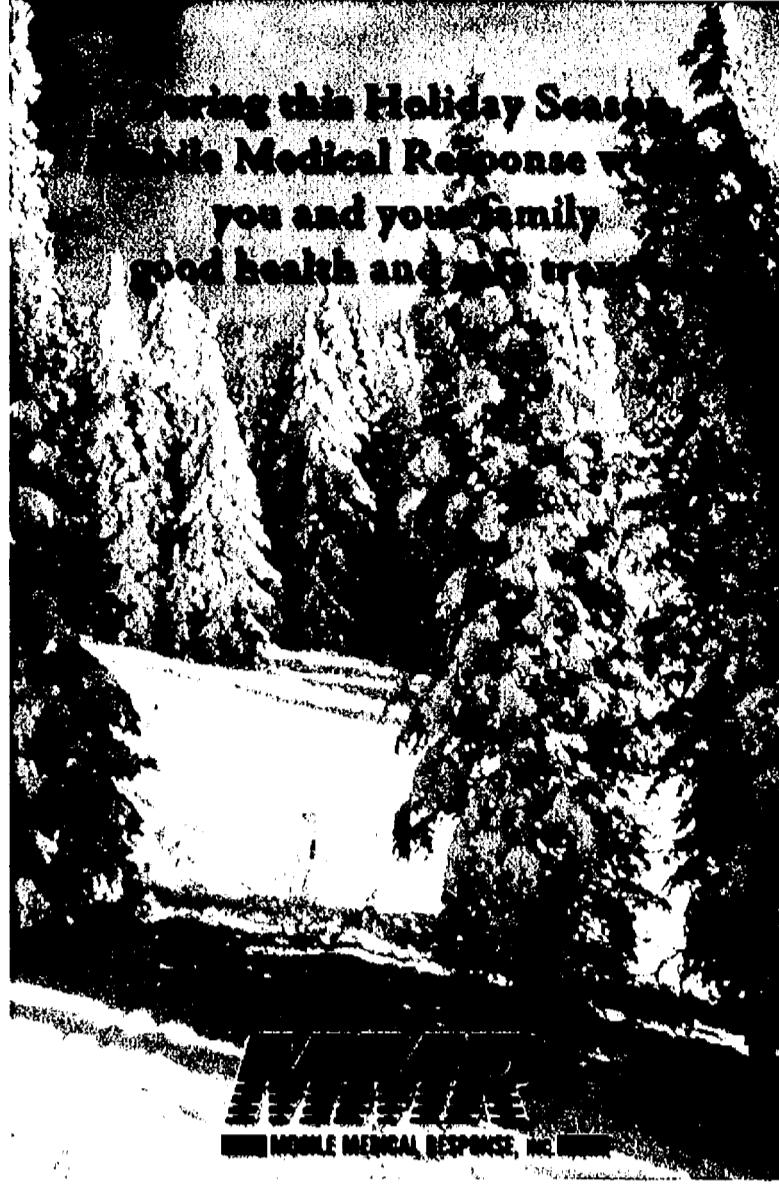
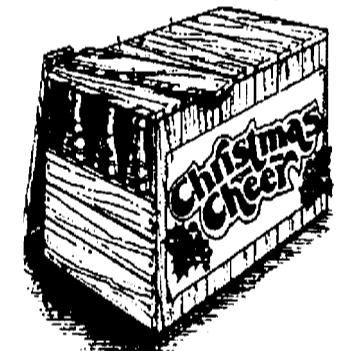


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# Woman writes book that includes daily devotions

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

A Grayling High School graduate credits her education and events in her life for the inspiration to write a book that was recently published.

Tamara Dreier, a 1977 Grayling High graduate, has written the book "Thus Saith the Lord," which is a daily devotional for readers. The book was published by WestBow Press, a division of Thomas Nelson, a well-known publisher of Christian literature.

Dreier said processing her prayers inspired her to write the book.

"I took the time to get closer to God and write down what he spoke to me," she said.

Dreier and her family came to Grayling and she attended seventh grade through her graduation.

Dreier was successful in her English classes, which allowed her to hone her writing skills.

"Looking back at things that have happened in my life, they were kind of stepping stones to this book," Dreier said.

Dreier was saved when she was in fifth grade, but was not active with her religion or involved in church. That changed when she went through a painful divorce and started attending the Grayling Baptist Church.

"It was thought that hurt and pain that I was drawn closer to God," Dreier said.

Dreier moved from the community in 1985 to Bowling Green, Ohio, where she was born and raised. She works as an accounting clerk for an architectural design firm.

Dreier continued journal-



Above, Tamara Dreier, a 1977 Grayling High graduate, has written the book "Thus Saith the Lord," which is a daily devotional for readers.

ing after her prayers and many of the 365 entries correspond to the days they were written.

"It wasn't really themed base," Dreier said of the organization of the book. "It was whatever I was going through and I seemed to have to go through a lot of

sadness, depression just to cry out to God and use him as forum to pray for other people who were going through the same things I was going through."

Dreier submitted the book to publishers in August and it was released in November. She hopes the book will help readers with the trials and tribulations in life.

"I want to let the Lord uplift them, encourage them and draw them closer to him," Dreier.

Dreier's family was attracted to Grayling through the love of fly-fishing. Her father, the late Tom Jones, used to come to the community to fly fish.

"My dad always came up here to fly-fish and that's what drew us up here," Dreier said. "He loved to fish."

The family moved to Grayling and Jones and his wife, Barbara, owned and operated the Waters Grocery Store. Later, Jones sold real estate in Grayling and cars in Roscommon.

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# Shred Shack opens to promote freestyle sports

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

A business aimed at getting youth involved in freestyle skiing, snowboarding and skateboarding recently opened its doors just in time for Christmas and the winter season.

The Shred Shack, located at 607 James Street by the S & K Marathon station and the Dollar Castle, opened for business on Dec. 1.

The business carries skis, snowboards and skateboards as well as clothing and accessories.

Chris and Chad Ventline own and operate the Shred Shack. The name refers to doing tricks or shredding in the snow terrain parks or at the skate parks.

"It's all about the freestyle sports, skiing, snowboarding and skateboarding and it's just a slang word that is used," Chad said.

The main push for the Ventlines to get into the business is their son, Hunter, as well as getting other youth involved in freestyle outdoors sports.

Hunter Ventline, who will turn 9 on Dec. 22, is finishing his first year competing in the United States of America Snowboard Association.

The United States of America Snowboard Association, is the competition series for freestyle skiing and snowboarding.

In April, the 22nd annual national championships for the United States of America Snowboard Association, will be held at Copper Mountain, Col. The competition is expected to attract nearly 1,800 competitors ranging from 4 through 64 years of age, showing the growth, diversity and range of interest in freestyle sports.

Jon Handy, the manager



**The Shred Shack, located at 607 James Street by the S & K Marathon and the Dollar Castle, opened for business on Dec. 1. Above, Jon Handy and Chad Ventline are pictured in front of an array of snowboards available at the new Grayling business.**

at the Shred Shack, has also competed in United States of America Snowboard Association competitions. He finished fifth at a national competition and 11th the following year. Handy has also competed in other snowboard competition circuits for six years.

Handy, a 2005 Grayling High School graduate, said the Shred Shack has no plans to compete with existing cross-county ski shops.

"It's strictly freestyle and directed toward the youth," Handy said.

Handy, who is also a BMX cyclist, has worked at the terrain park at Hanson Hills and was among the volunteers who helped build the Grayling Skate Park.

Handy will handle day-to-day operations at the Shred Shack.

"He knows the industry, he knows the sport very well and does a lot on his free time and in his spare time," Chad said.

Chad said the store is aimed at providing equip-

ment and accessories to youth who are not involved in stick and ball sports or traditional outdoor activities in northern Michigan.

"They need a shop to get the stuff they need and support and the stuff they're into doing these days," Chad said. "It's a youth-oriented sport and business."

The Shred Shack will have a consignment area, creating easier access to allow youngsters to get involved in freestyle sports.

"It's about making things affordable for the parents and making things affordable for youth getting into

the sport and it's geared towards everybody," Chad said. "We want to get the kids outside and enjoying the snow."

The Shred Shack also offers waxing and sharpening for race skis, freestyle skis and snowboards.

This winter, the Shred Shack plans to host a series of five freestyle skiing and snowboarding competition events through the Cold Sweat Winter Sports Series,

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Colin Hunter, a Northern Michigan University graduate in 2004 with a major in English and a minor in criminal justice, later graduated from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing in 2007.

Since being sworn into the Michigan Bar in July of 2008 by his father, retired Judge John G. Hunter, also of Grayling, Hunter has focused his practice in northern Michigan. After receiving his license to practice law, Hunter began working as a judicial law clerk for the 46th Circuit Court serving Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties, and worked in that capacity for approximately two years before beginning the practice of law in his home town of Grayling.

In addition to his career as an attorney, Hunter also enjoys an array of outdoor activities including hunting, fishing and mountain biking, and recently finished his 14th AuSable River Canoe Marathon in July of 2011, coming across the finish line in his personal-best ninth position overall.

Since leaving the law clerk position with the 46th Circuit Court, Hunter has been zealously defending his client's rights in all areas of general practice law in several northern Michigan counties, and looks forward to continuing his practice in this area.

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# Residents encouraged to give mittens as part of state pride

With Michigan rising to the occasion to prove itself as the true Mitten State, Travel Michigan, part of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, is encouraging people to put their Michigan pride toward a good cause by donating new or gently used mittens to local charities around the state.

"The outpouring of enthusiasm and support from Michiganders for our

state over the past week has been tremendous," said George Zimmermann, vice president of Travel Michigan. "What better way for the Mitten State to harness this state pride than by providing those in need with mittens to stay warm this winter? As part of this effort we are joining with Travel Wisconsin to encourage folks to 'shake hands' and unite together for this great cause."

In Crawford County, the Friends of the Crawford County Library System, collected 150 winter wear items, including mittens, scarves and hats, through the annual Mitten Tree campaign. Some of the items were hand made by the Sit n' Knit Group, which meets at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library.

Half the items were given to the Crawford Baby to Toddler Closet, which is

based at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. The other half was given to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center, to be distributed through its Christmas Giving program.

"The community was so generous," said Laura Purcell, vice president of the Friends of the Crawford County Library System. "The citizens and the Sit n' Knit group were very instrumental in another successful year for the Mitten Tree and helping the people in Crawford County who are in need this time of year."

Pure Michigan kicked off its winter ad campaign with billboards going up in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin this month and television and radio ads will follow beginning Jan. 2, 2012.

The Michigan Snowsports Industries Association radio ad Ski the Hills of Michigan will air in Fort Wayne, Ind., Toledo, Ohio and Green Bay, Wis.

Marianne Gosnell, director for the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center, said the organization is hoping to gather more mittens to distribute.

"We still have a lot of hats, but we are in need of mittens," Gosnell said.

Individuals and Michigan businesses donating mittens are encouraged to share their experience on the Pure Michigan Facebook page or Pure Michigan Connect blog.

"During this season the mitten is emblematic of the many terrific opportunities for winter fun people can find here in Michigan," Zimmermann said. "This

mittens collection campaign is a perfect way to give back to Michigan, even as we continue our work to raise Michigan's profile as the wonderful winter destination that it is."

Pure Michigan television and radio ads will also air in these regional markets, as well as in Chicago, Ill., Indianapolis and South Bend, Ind., Cincinnati, Ohio and Milwaukee, Wis.

The Pure Michigan billboards – which highlight snowmobiling, snowboarding and ice climbing – are also being featured in these regional markets, as well as in Detroit, Grand Rapids, Flint, Lansing and Traverse City.



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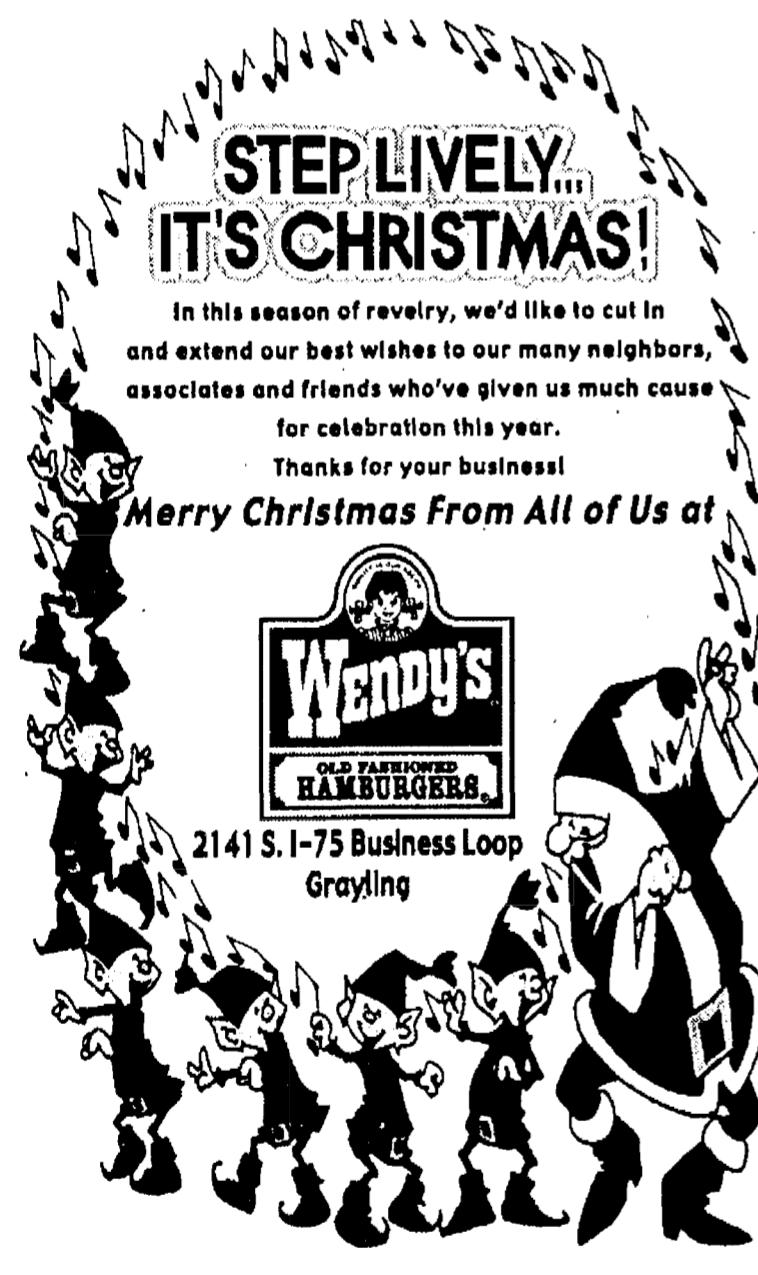
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## GMS Honor Roll

### First Trimester

#### 6th Grade

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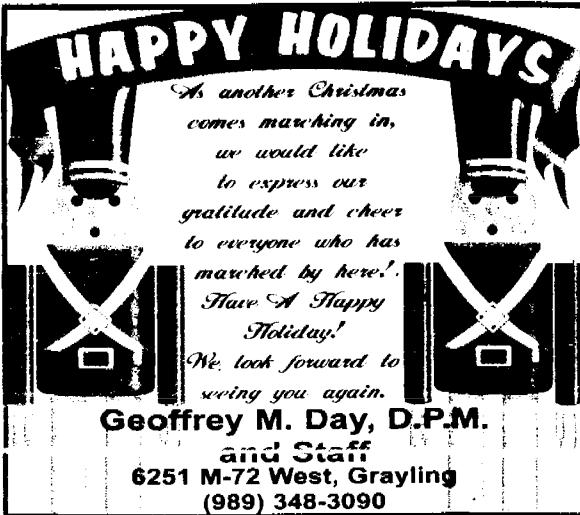
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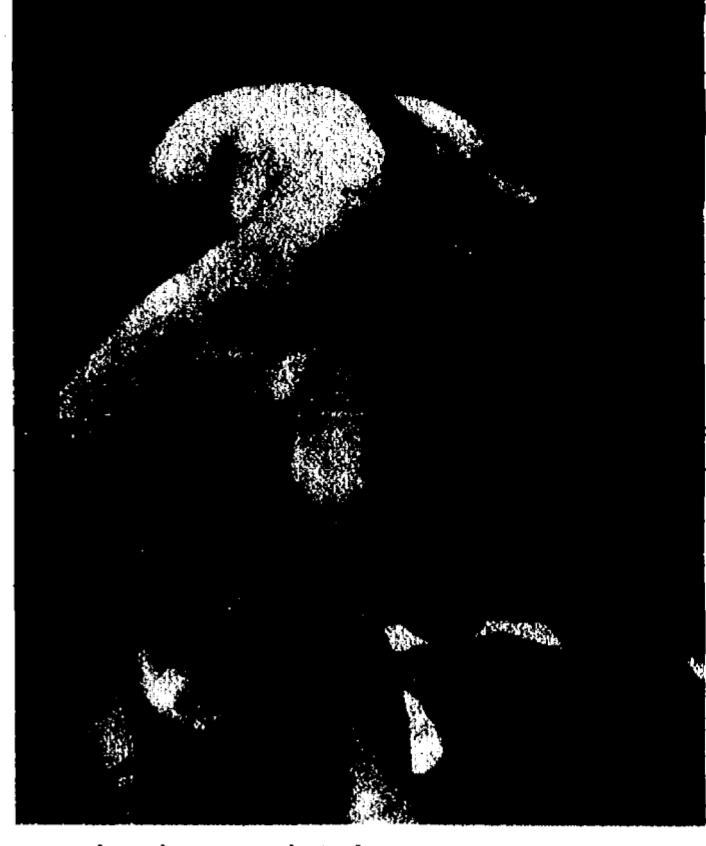
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Brandon Handrich (152) wrestles against Elk Rapids on Monday night.



Ty Jensen (189) battles an Elk Rapids opponent during Monday's league meet.



Zack Cheney (130) competes against Elk Rapids on Monday.

## Wrestlers defeat Elks, Blazers in league opener

### Vikings win vs. Boyne, Charlevoix in 2nd LMC meet

The GHS wrestling squad defeated the Kalkaska Blazers and the Elk Rapids Elks in a three-team conference meet hosted by Grayling High School on Monday night.

The two visiting schools wrestled first. Elk Rapids defeated Kalkaska 45-12.

Grayling battled Elk Rapids in the second series of the night.

Zach Joseph (heavyweight) won by default. Neither team had a competitor in the next two scheduled weight classes (103, 112). Kyle Schmidt won by default for GHS at 119. Cody Elmy (125) also won by default.

Zack Cheney (130) pinned his Elk Rapids counterpart in the first round.

The Vikings led 24-0 with eight weight classes to go.

Danny Schultz won by decision, 10-1, at 135 for Grayling. GHS led 28-0.

Elk Rapids won by pin at 140 and 145.

Brandon Handrich won a 14-4 decision in the 152-pound division.

The Elks pulled within striking distance with pins in the next two bouts (160, 171). Grayling led 32-

24 with two weight classes remaining.

Ty Jensen (189) won by pin in the second round to put the match

out of reach. In the final weight class of the contest, 215 pounds, Jeff Myers scored a pin in the third round.

Grayling won by a final score of 44-24 to start its league season at 1-0.

The Vikings defeated a short-

handed Kalkaska squad by a large margin in the final series of the meet.

Only seven of 14 matches were contested.

Both teams forfeited at 103 and 112, the first two scheduled bouts.

Schmidt won by default at 119. Elmy (125) pinned his Kalkaska opponent in the first round. Cheney (130) also won by pin in the first round for his second victory of the night. Schultz won by default at 135.

Grayling led 24-0. Kalkaska scored pins at 140 and 145. GHS led 24-12.

Handrich (152) won by default. Calvin Halfacre (160) pinned his Kalkaska opponent in the first round.

Kalkaska scored a pin at 171. Jensen won by default at 189. Myers won by pin in the first round at 215. At heavyweight – the last weight division of the contest – Joseph won by default.

Final score: Grayling 54, Kalkaska 18.

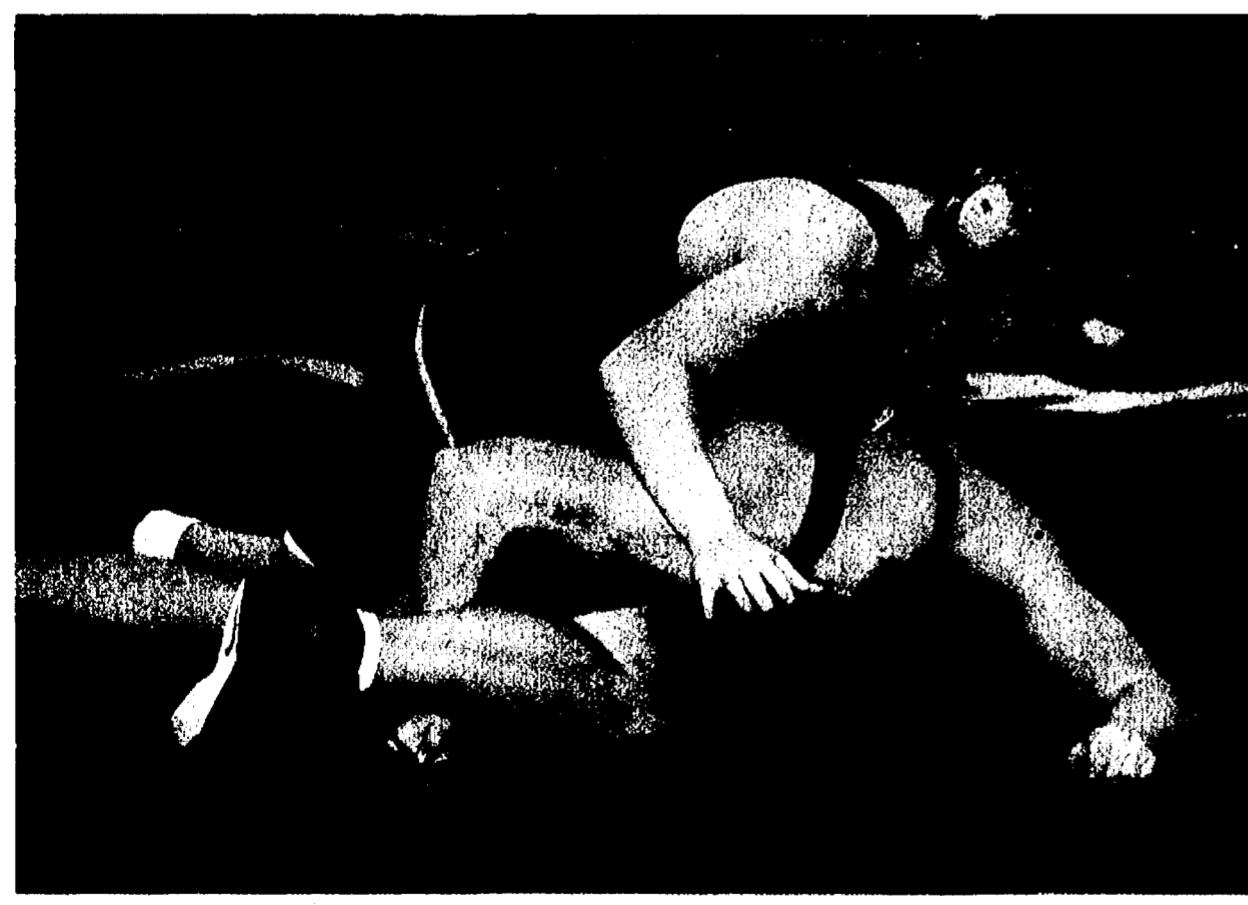
"I'm glad to get the first league matches out of the way. It was good to get two wins," Coach Andy Moore said.

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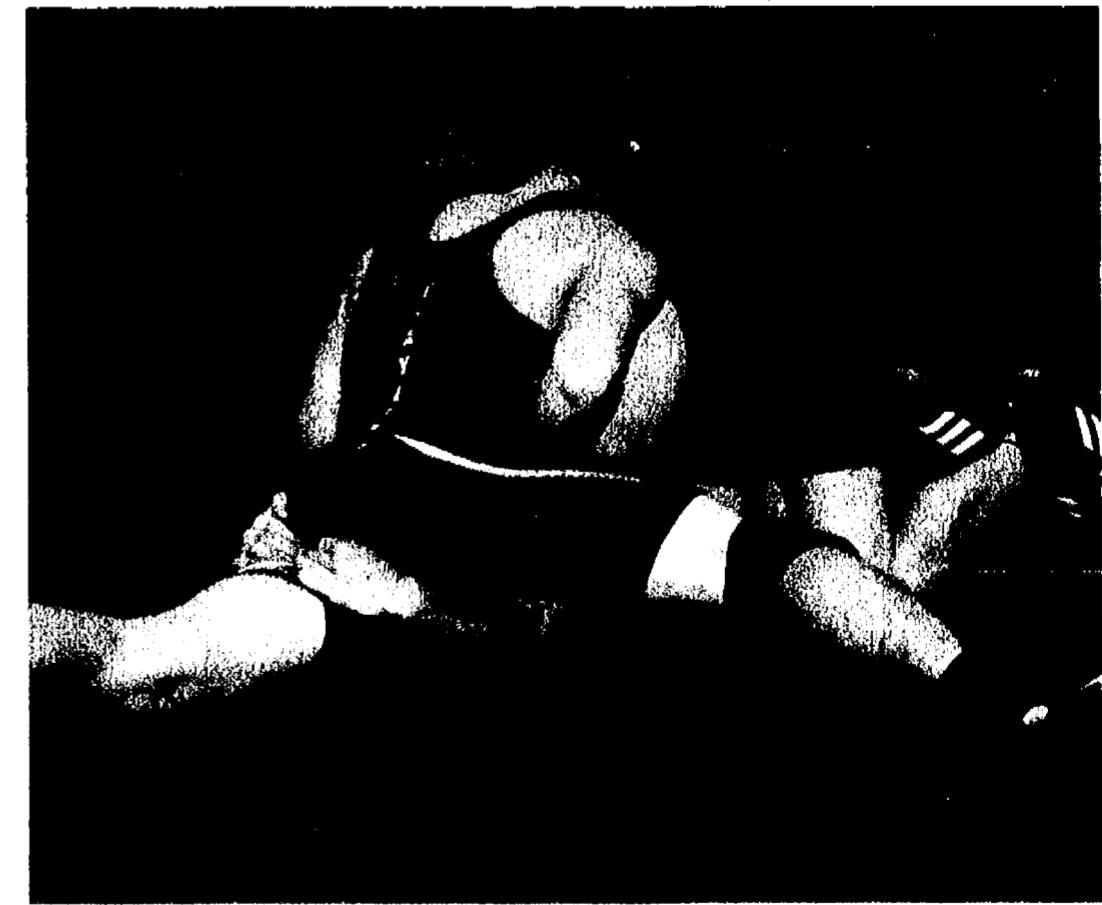


Danny Schultz wrestles against his Elk Rapids counterpart in the 135-pound weight class on Monday.

Photos by Caleb Casey



Jacob Thomas (145) battles an Elk Rapids opponent during last week's league meet at Grayling High School.



Calvin Halfacre (160) grapples with an Elk Rapids wrestler on Monday night.

## Vikings start wrestling season with split at Ogemaw Heights

### Grayling places 2nd of 10 at Manton Invitational

Grayling High School's varsity wrestling team opened its 2011-2012 season with one win and one loss during a three-team nonconference meet at Ogemaw Heights

on Wednesday, Dec. 7.

The Vikings won 42-31 vs. West Branch Ogemaw Heights. Grayling fell to Gladwin 36-28. (The meet was a late addition to the schedule.)

Cody Elmy, Zack Cheney, Brandon Handrich, and Ty Jensen each won two matches at

Ogemaw. Ghayge Toomey, Danny Schultz, Calvin Halfacre, Jeff Myers, and Zach Joseph each won one match.

"Good start to the season against two tough nonconference opponents," Coach Andy Moore said.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, Grayling placed second out of 10 schools at

the Manton Invitational.

Several Vikings placed at the meet (wrestler, record for the day, place): Toomey, 2-2, 3rd; Kyle Schmidt, 2-0, 1st; Elmy, 3-0, 1st; Cheney, 2-1, 3rd; Schultz, 2-3, 4th; Blake Hatfield, 1-4, 4th; Handrich, 4-0, 1st; Jensen, 5-0, 1st; Myers, 3-1, 3rd; Joseph, 4-0, 1st.

Wyatt Thompson, Jacob Thomas, Evan Korneli, and Calvin Halfacre also wrestled for GHS.

"Very pleased with the outcome of the day, with five first places and second place overall for the team," Coach Moore said.

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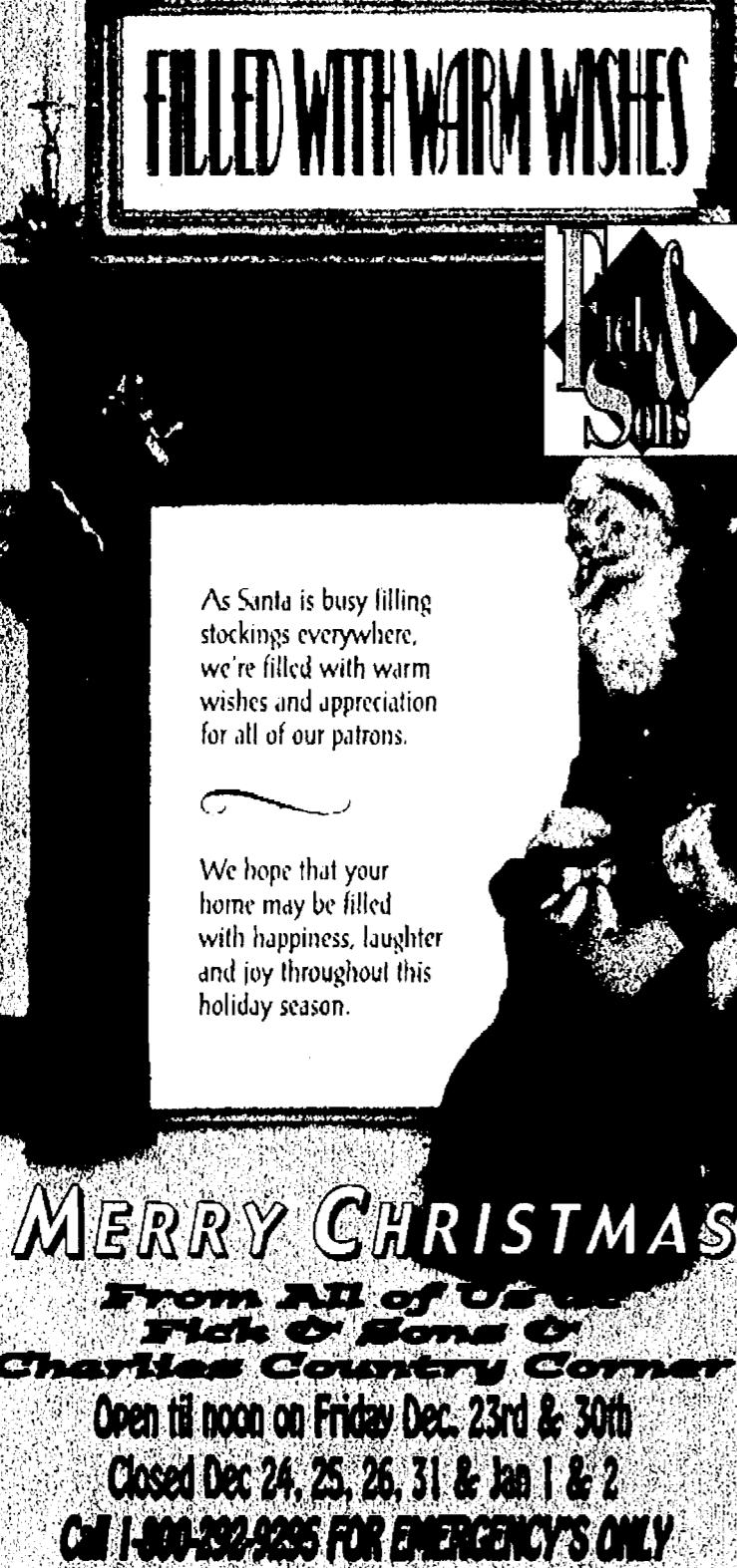
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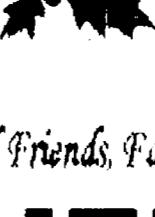
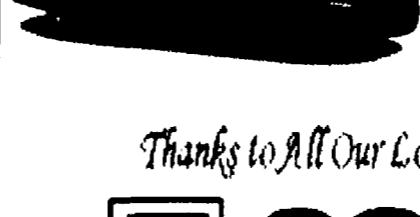
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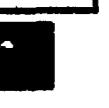
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# Varsity squad wins 62-54 at HL with 4th quarter surge

Vikings fall in OT at Harbor Springs in 1st league game

The Grayling Vikings outscored the Houghton Lake Bobcats 14-2 down the stretch to win Monday's varsity girls basketball game by a final score of 62-54. Houghton Lake, a nonconference opponent, hosted the contest.

"It was a very close game the entire game. With five minutes left we were down four points. From that point on, we outscored Houghton Lake 14-2," Coach Joe Powers said. "We have to press. Since we are small in stature but big of heart, we have to work hard the entire game. Hopefully, the other team will wilt and we'll outscore them in the fourth quarter. Each of our games, we have accomplished the task of wearing

down the other team."

Jo Hamlin posted a double-double, scoring 29 points and getting 13 rebounds. She was 8 of 9 from the free-throw line.

Cierra Prosser also posted a double-double with 13 points and 10 rebounds. Josie Swander had seven points and 11 rebounds.

"It was a total team effort as we played a solid game. Rebounding continues to be a challenge for us and that is why we try to play a full-court game. Jo Hamlin had a monster game and Cierra Prosser had a very nice game," Coach Powers said. "Our entire team played well as each girl did her job. It was a nice win."

On Friday, in the team's league opener at Harbor

Springs, the Vikings rallied to force overtime, but the Rams won the contest by a final score of 60-48.

"We almost did it. We faced a very tough Harbor Springs team on their own court. We battled the entire game and were down for most of it. Being down six points in the last minute, our girls played frenetic and sent the game into overtime. Caitlin Prosser had a huge steal for us with 15 seconds left, being down two. Cierra Prosser hit a pressure packed shot with eight seconds to tie it up and send the game into overtime," Coach Powers said.

"In overtime, we had a couple of bad bounces but had quality shots that did not drop. Caitlin Prosser

fouled out and then Cierra Prosser also fouled out in the overtime. We did not prevail, but I'm extremely proud of the girls for showing the grit and determination to send the game into (overtime). One more point and we would have escaped with a huge road victory. The girls just keep playing with a tremendous amount of effort. Since we are so inexperienced, each game we'll continue to get better," Coach Powers said.

Hamlin had 23 points and 10 rebounds. Caitlin Prosser had seven points and five rebounds. Alyssa Morley scored nine points.

The Vikings (2-2 overall, 0-1 league) will play at Gaylord on Thursday, Dec. 22.



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## Grayling wins league opener 64-49 at Harbor Springs

JV Vikings move to 3-0 with conference victory vs. Rams

The Grayling High School varsity boys basketball team opened its 2011-2012 league schedule with a 64-49 victory at Harbor Springs on Friday night.

The Vikings led 19-16 after one quarter. Grayling had a 35-27 advantage at halftime. The Vikings outscored the Rams 21-15 in the third period to lead by 14, 56-42, going into the fourth quarter.

"We played very well at times in this game. Very pleased with our defensive pressure in the second and third quarters. I thought our kids did a great job of getting a win on the road. We improved at the free-throw line by making 14 of 18 free throws," Coach Rich Moffit said.

Riley Zigila had 15 points for Grayling. Steven Enos had 13 points and four steals. Thomas Burrell had nine points and six rebounds. Zane Tobin scored nine points. Scott Parkinson had six points and two blocks. Griffin Dean had four points, seven rebounds, and two blocks.

"Devon Dawson gave us a real spark off the bench. He played with a ton of energy. Jake Swander and Tyler McClanahan did an outstanding job of managing the game. Riley Zigila was outstanding at both ends of the court. Zane Tobin, who did not start because of a shoulder injury, did a nice job of providing a spark in the second quarter. Burrell had some key

rebounds for us. Enos was 7 of 9 from the free-throw line, which was a key," Coach Moffit said.

The Vikings (2-1 overall, 1-0 league) will play at Gaylord on Thursday, Dec. 22.

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The GHS junior varsity boys basketball team improved its season record to 3-0 with a 61-40 conference victory vs. the visiting Harbor Springs Rams on Thursday night.

Grayling led 11-6 after one quarter. The Vikings had a 29-17 advantage at halftime and they extended their lead to 15, 42-27, by the end of the third quarter.

Justice Juntila had 24 points and nine rebounds for the Vikings. Scott Wakeley

had 12 points. Tyler Summers and Peyton Zigila each scored eight points for GHS. Michael Branch had six rebounds and Matt Burrell had five steals.

On Friday, Dec. 9, the JV Vikings won 50-26 at Glen Lake.

Juntila posted a double-double with 18 points and 10 rebounds. Wakeley had seven points. Branch had eight rebounds.

Grayling (3-0 overall, 1-0 league) will host Gaylord at Grayling Middle School on Wednesday, Dec. 21.

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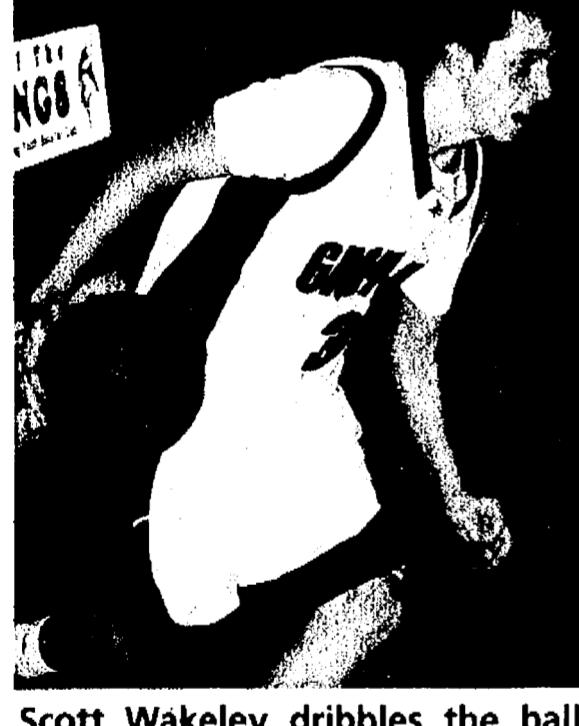
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Scott Wakeley dribbles the ball for GHS on Thursday.



Michael Branch takes an inside shot for Grayling.



Tyler Summers handles the ball for the Vikings vs. the Rams.

## 9th graders win opener 67-19

Grayling High School's 9th grade boys basketball team won 67-19 in its season opener at Harbor Springs on Friday night.

Carson Burmeister, Scout Tobin, and Darin Nicholas each scored 10 points for Grayling. Nicholas also had seven assists. Zane Pittman scored seven points. Mason

Papendick and Emmett Helsel each had six points. Gunner Metzer had five points. Tyler Wyman, Dylan Wyman, and Dallas Johnson scored two points apiece.

"Pretty cool that we didn't have a kid score over 10 points and very cool that every player scored. This

shows how well this team shares the ball and proves that they play team basketball," Coach Chris Kucharek said. "Good win and good start to the season."

The Vikings (1-0 overall, 1-0 league) will play at Gaylord on Thursday, Dec. 22.

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Hailey Eames shoots the ball for Grayling's JV team on Thursday.



Rachel Money sets up for a shot vs. Harbor Springs.

## JV girls win by 10 vs. Harbor Springs on Thursday

Grayling High School's junior varsity girls basketball team won its league opener on Thursday night, defeating the visiting Rams of Harbor Springs 36-26.

The Vikings trailed early in the game but they battled back in the second quarter.

Harbor Springs led 7-2 at the end of the first period. The Rams scored the first two baskets of the second quarter to lead 11-2.

Grayling outscored Harbor Springs 16-3 during the last 5:30 of the second period. The 16-3 run included an inside shot by Taylor Nielson, a jump shot by Hailey Petty, a jumper by Sam Denno, a put-back by Makayla Cragg, two free throws from Meagan Malm, a drive by Tandy Mitchell, an inside shot by Cragg, and a jumper by Petty.

Grayling led 18-14 at halftime.

Harbor Springs scored the first four points of the third quarter to tie the game at 18-18. Grayling finished the period with a 10-4 run, a series that included two baskets by Mitchell, two baskets by Cragg, and a put-back by Nielson.

Grayling led by six, 28-22, going into the fourth quarter.

Denno scored on a put-back for Grayling. Neither team scored during the next 3:10 of clock time. Cragg hit an inside shot for the Vikings at the 4:32 mark. Grayling led by 10. Mitchell hit two more shots for the Vikings down the stretch and

Grayling won by 10, 36-26.

Cragg and Mitchell each scored 10 points for the Vikings.

Coach Brooke Knight said the squad wanted to avoid another slow start, an issue they've had early in the season, but it didn't happen this time.

"I was hoping we'd get off to a better start," Coach Knight said. "They fought to get the lead back and never lost it. They played hard to get the lead and maintain it."

"I thought the girls played a good solid game," Coach Knight said.

On Monday night the Vikings lost 48-42 at Houghton Lake.

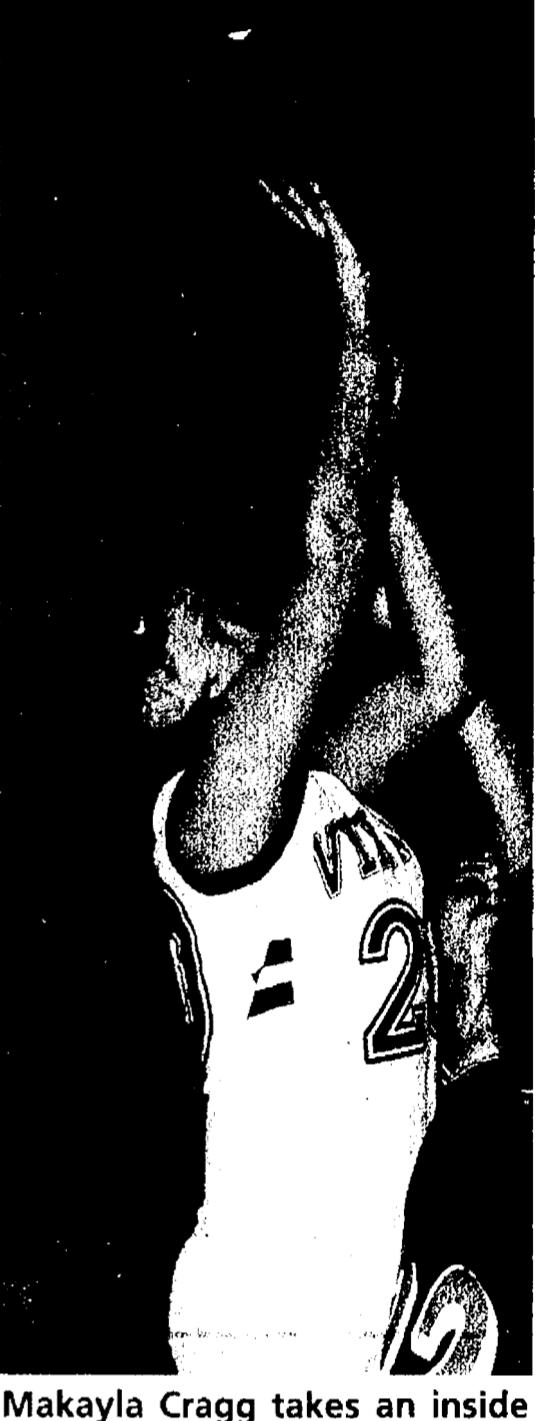
The Vikings were down early (10-2 at one point).

"We played even in the second quarter and were down 25-15 at half-time. We shot 7 for 18 (from the free-throw line) in the first half. Free throws killed us in the first half," Coach Knight said. "In the third quarter we played pretty even. In the fourth quarter we outscored them 17-9 but we ran out of time to come back."

"They played hard and battled back, just ran out of time," Coach Knight said.

Malm had 13 points (9 of 11 free throws) for the Vikings. Denno had seven points.

The Vikings (1-3 overall, 1-0 league) will host Gaylord at Grayling Middle School at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 21.



Makayla Cragg takes an inside shot for the Vikings.



Meagan Malm handles the ball for Grayling on Thursday vs. the Rams.



Hailey Petty dribbles the ball for the Vikings on Thursday night.



Allison Dorn shoots the ball for the JV girls basketball team on Thursday.



Sam Denno controls the ball for GHS vs. Harbor Springs.

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# Legal Action

## SYNOPSIS SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP December 13, 2011 Regular Board Meeting Unapproved

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by the Clerk. Attending: L. Luck, George, Musselman, Janisse and S. Luck. Absent: None. Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion** by S. Luck, and seconded by George, to accept agenda with changes. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Motion** by S. Luck, and seconded by Musselman, to accept consent agenda, November Regular Meeting and Closed Session Meeting minutes, bills and invoices paid, and projected bills for December, and Fire/EMT Report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Motion** by S. Luck, and seconded by George to go into closed session pursuant to Sect 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act, being MCL 15.268(e), to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with the pending Michigan Tax Tribunal matter between CPTF Forest Dunes Holding Company, LLC, Docket Number 363129, since discussion of trial or settlement strategy in an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the Township's position. Roll call vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Motion** by Janisse, and seconded by S. Luck to authorize the township attorney to discuss settlement with petitioner's council in the Forest Dunes Tax Tribunal Case. Roll call vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

**Motion** by Janisse, and seconded by Musselman to approve the application of Kenneth Monk to the Fire/EMS Dept. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

**Motion** by S. Luck, and seconded by Musselman to approve the repairs to two of the Fire Dept. vehicles, in an amount not to exceed \$1,275.00. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

**Motion** by S. Luck, and seconded by George to match funds in the amount of \$1,986.00 for the DNR Grant received by Fire/EMS Dept. for fire shelters. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

**Motion** by Musselman, and seconded by S. Luck to approve the purchase of four jackets by the Fire/EMS Dept. at a cost not to exceed \$400.00. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

**Motion** by S. Luck, and seconded by George to approve for payment the invoice from State of Michigan, Dept of Technology, Management and Budget in the amount of \$800.00 for fees due for department 800 MHZ radios. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

**Motion** by S. Luck, and seconded by George to approve payment of invoice from attorney in the amount of \$5,170.76. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

**Motion** by Janisse, and seconded by S. Luck to approve the Special Road Assessment Correction of two parcels. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

**Motion** by Janisse, and seconded by S. Luck to approve the Johnston property combination. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

**Motion** by Musselman, and seconded by George to approve for payment the invoice from Sage Software in the amount of \$373.07. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Public comment heard. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by George K. Bindschadl and Kimberly M. Bindschadl, husband and wife as joint tenants, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Interactive Financial Corp, its successors and assigns, Mortgagor, dated June 25, 2008 and recorded July 3, 2008 in Liber 692, Page 232, and Affidavit correcting legal description recorded in Liber 700, Page 447, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by GMAC Mortgage, LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred One and 69/100 Dollars (\$212,801.69) including interest at 5.75% per annum.

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Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Lisa M Nisch and Jeff T Nisch, Wife And Husband to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Novastar Mortgage, INC, Mortgagor, dated April 25, 2007, and recorded on May 17, 2007, in Liber 686, Page 949, Crawford County Records, said mortgage was corrected by Affidavit of Scrivener's Error dated May 11, 2010 and recorded May 18, 2010 in Liber 700, Page 536 and was re-recorded on June 1, 2010 in Liber 700, Page 665, said mortgage was assigned to DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF NovaStar Mortgage Funding Trust, Series 2007-2 NovaStar Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-2 by an Assignment of Mortgage which has been submitted to the Crawford County Register of Deeds, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Nine and 34/100 (\$142,909.34) including interest at the rate of 7.95000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on January 18, 2012. Said premises are situated in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the South half of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 35, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, and part of the North half of the Northeast quarter of Section 2, Town 27 West, Range 4 West, described as: Beginning at a point located distant North 01 degrees 04 minutes 19 seconds East along the North-South quarter line of said

Section 35 a distance of 657.87 feet and South 89 degrees 32 minutes 46 seconds West 81.31 feet from the South quarter of said Section 35; thence South 00 degrees 48 minutes 20 seconds West 680.72 feet to the centerline of May Lake Road; thence North 89 degrees 33 minutes west along said centerline 118.64 feet; thence continuing along said centerline South 74 degrees 02 minutes 49 seconds West 385.65 feet; thence along said centerline North 74 degrees 07 minutes West 135.00 feet; thence North 03 degrees 32 minutes 18 seconds East 745.34 feet; thence North 89 degrees 32 minutes 46 seconds East 582.24 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 10.02 acres more or less. Subject to and long with the right of ingress and egress and public utilities over a 66 foot wide easement, centerline of said easement described as beginning at the Southeast corner of above described parcel; thence North 00 degrees 48 minutes 20 seconds East 680.72 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 7536 Maylake Rd. The redemption period shall be 12.00 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. Dated: December 15, 2011 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF NovaStar Mortgage Funding Trust, Series 2007-2 NovaStar Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-2 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 248-335-9200 Case No. 11OMI00674-1 (12-15)(01-05)

-15-22-29-5

## STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 11-8441-CH  
PATRICIA A. SAJDAK,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

CDC & COMPANY, INC., d/b/a  
Ted's Canadian Steak & Fish  
Company, a Michigan Corporation;  
and

STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT  
OF TREASURY-COLLECTIONS;  
and

STATE OF MICHIGAN, DEPARTMENT  
OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY  
AFFAIRS, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE  
AGENCY formerly known as  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
LABOR AND ECONOMIC GROWTH,  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE  
AGENCY; and RANDY THOMPSON,

Defendants,

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(989) 275-8966

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Assistant Attorney General  
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NOTICE OF COUN-  
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MORTGAGE  
FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT; ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW. ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: In the case of resolution prior to or simultaneously with the aforementioned foreclosure sale, U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Manufactured Housing Contract Senior / Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 1999-2, by Green Tree Servicing LLC, as Servicer with delegated authority under the transaction documents may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest. Default having occurred in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Jerry D. Quesada and Constance J. Quesada, husband and wife, ("Debtors") to Harmony Homes, Inc., dated November 19, 1998, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on December 14, 1998, in Liber 470, Page(s) 01, et seq., said Mortgage being last assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Manufactured Housing Contract Senior / Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 1999-2, by Green Tree Servicing LLC, as Servicer with delegated authority under the transaction documents ("Green Tree"), by Mortgage Assignment dated October 24, 2011, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on November 15, 2011, in Liber 706, Page(s) 826, et seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of \$54,179.68, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Debtors to Green Tree together with interest at 6.75 percent per annum. NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et seq., on January 18, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., in the Lobby of the Courthouse in Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Tuesday, the 31st of January, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, in the forenoon, the following described real estate:

Public notice is hereby given, that pursuant to a Judgement of Foreclosure and Order of Sale entered by the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on the 10th day of November, 2011, in favor of Patricia A. Sajdak, Plaintiff, and against CDC & Company, Inc., d/b/a Ted's Canadian Steak & Fish Company, a Michigan Corporation and other Defendants. I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder, at a public auction to be held at the front door of the Crawford County Courthouse in the City of Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Tuesday, the 31st of January, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, in the forenoon, the following described real estate:

Situated in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, viz:

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 18, Town 26 North, Range 3 West; Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 18, thence S89°21'W along Fast and West 1/4 line 100 feet; thence S02°05'40"W parallel with East Section line 100 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence S02°05'40"W 133.60 feet; thence N87°04'30"W 149.

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## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



December 23, 1965 - GHS basketball team members #52 Art Wakeley and #20 LeRoy Neal in a game against Gaylord.

### 23 Years Ago

December 22, 1988

After rain came Tuesday morning, Dec. 20, Hanson Hills was looking for more snow in order to open for the holidays. On Monday, Dec. 19, the park had enough snow to plan on opening Friday, Dec. 23, in time for the holiday rush of skiers. More snow is anticipated for the weekend.

The GHS matmen stretched their muscles Thursday, Dec. 15, beating Charlevoix 44 - 24 and Onaway 70 - 6 at Charlevoix. The only points Grayling lost to Onaway was a forfeit at the heavyweight position. Double winners for Grayling were Chad Broeker, Andy Moore, Terry Sorenson, Frank Wildfang, Kevin

Hinderleider, Jason Wright, John Gay, Brian Kernstock and Rusty Argue. Jamie Montoya, Doug Doty and Todd Thorsen all won one.

The Viking varsity boys basketball team got off to another poor start, trailing 22 - 4 after one quarter and lost 55 - 38 to Charlevoix.

### 46 Years Ago

December 23, 1965

Winter camping at Camp AuSable begins the day after Christmas. Senior young people ages 16 to 30 will come from many different parts of Michigan for the first camp Dec. 26 to Jan. 2. It is anticipated that 150 will take advantage of this week for winter sports in the area.

The Bunco Club met Thursday at Chief Shoppenagons for a

Christmas dinner, then gathered at the Russell Moshier home where Mrs. Walt Allington was the hostess for the evening's play. First prize went to Mrs. Kip Papendick, second to Mrs. Bryon Randolph and low to Mrs. Walter SanCartier.

Hunters at the Longdyke Hideout during the 1965 season were Mr. L. Oliver Kieffer, Bud Kieffer and Chuck Ralph of Fenton and Jim and Fred Quinn of Redford. It was a deerless year, all except for Fred, there just weren't any deer to be seen.

The annual Golden Age Party was held at the Grayling Women's Club, Dec. 15. The eldest citizens in the golden circle in attendance were Mrs. John Knecht, 88 Ed Feldhauser, Charles Smith and Miss Margaret Failing, all 85.

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game against Alba and the junior high was victorious with the final score being 38 - 36. John Redman led the scoring with 14 points, Mike Jungman and Max Tobin had 11 and 10, respectively.

George and David Blaha arrived home from Notre Dame University, to spend the holidays with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Vernon Blaha. They accompanied Mary Kraus, who came from Lake Forest, Ill.

### 69 Years Ago

December 23, 1942

The boys and girls of the Beaver Creek School were delighted and surprised when Santa Claus appeared at their party Tuesday to pass out the gifts and make the whole occasion a merry affair.

Last Friday night at the Grayling gymnasium the local varsity swamped a rangy Kalkaska team to the tune of 52 - 19.

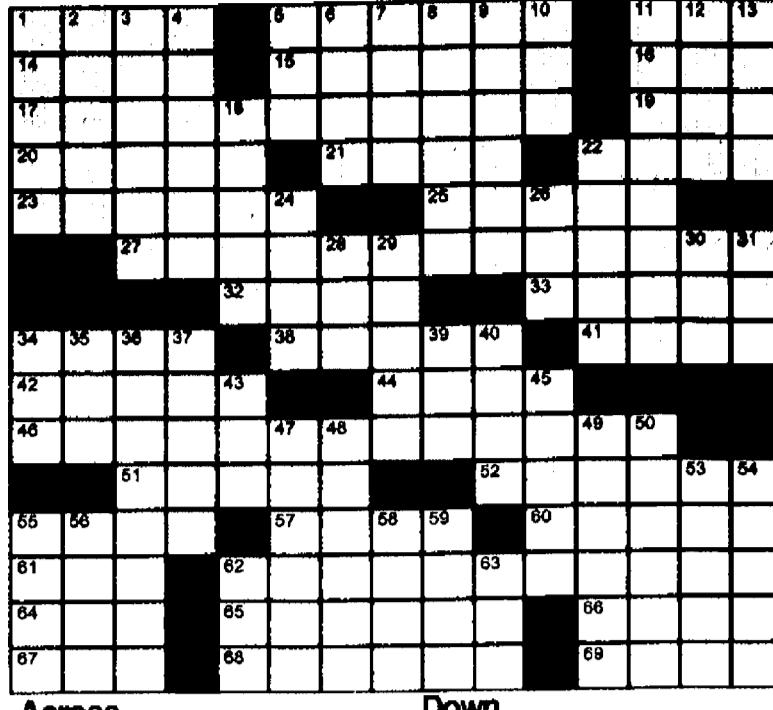
### 92 Years Ago

December 25, 1919

Miss Maude Tetu came home from Bay City Monday morning to enjoy the holidays at her home here.

Arthur Karpus came home from U of M Monday to enjoy the holiday festivities with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephan Karpus.

## CROSSWORD



### Across

- "Not only that..."
- Anatomical cavities
- Bit of a draft
- Cost of living?
- Bad blood
- Victor, for one
- Rude
- Little bird
- Wave-like design
- "\_\_\_\_ does it!"
- "\_\_\_\_ on Down the Road"
- Temper, as metal
- Iranian money
- Welfare work (2 wds)
- Container weight
- Chest material
- All there
- Carneel, to Arthur
- Arid
- Nuclear weapon (2 wds)
- Escape, in a way
- Rubella (2 wds)
- "Ditto" (2 wds)
- Kind of seat
- Bandy words
- Come together
- Nobleman
- Moray, e.g.
- Egg-laying subclass of Mammalia
- "Silent" prez.
- Accumulation in the blood of nitrogenous waste products
- Crude group? (acronym)
- "Don't give up!"
- Actor Depardieu
- Medical advice, often
- Usually
- Eurasian wheat
- Grassland
- Bungle, with "up"
- Dracula, at times
- Newbie, of sorts
- "Enough already!" (2 wds)
- Excessive complainer
- Bewitch
- Mexican shawl
- Carries
- Legislate
- The Amish, e.g.
- Brandy flavor
- "Brave New World" drug
- Ado
- Kind of shot
- "Awesome!"

### Down

- \_\_\_\_ donna
- Sprite flavor
- Frees
- Dorm room staple
- Tuesday (Mardi Gras)
- "Don't bet \_\_\_\_!" (2 wds)
- Hyperbolic sine, abbrev.
- Maybelline mishaps
- Mane, for one
- "C\_\_\_\_ la vie!"
- Reserved (2 wds)
- Western blue flag, e.g.
- Cracker spread
- Change, chemically
- Little people
- Pinocchio, at times
- Parenthesis, essentially
- "\_\_\_\_ we having fun yet?"
- Car dealer's offering
- "Wheels"
- "... \_\_\_\_ he drove out of sight"
- How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" librettist Burrows
- Usually
- Eurasian wheat
- Grassland
- Bungle, with "up"
- Dracula, at times
- Newbie, of sorts
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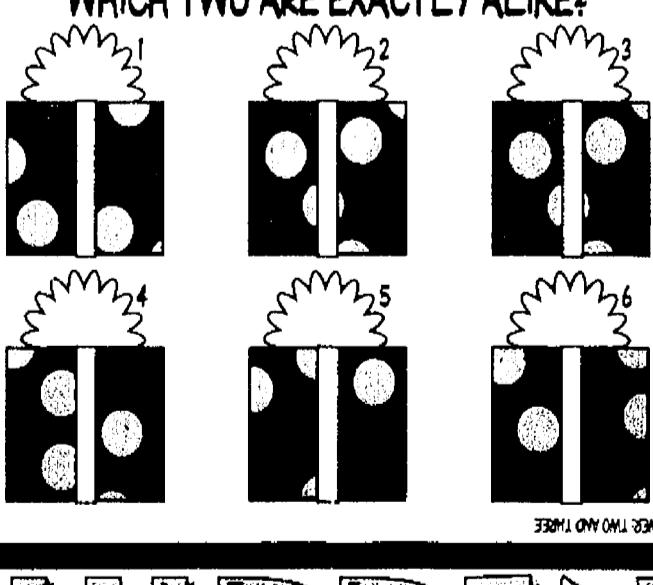
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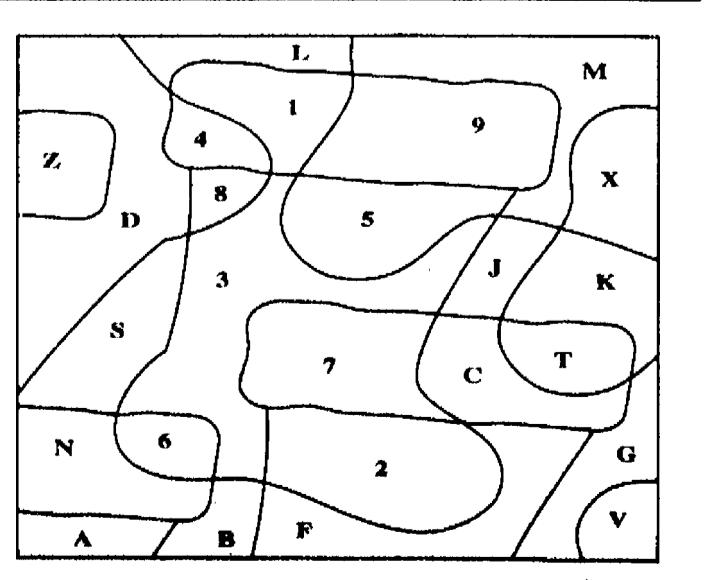
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**WEATHER**  
Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week		Extended Forecast							
Date	H	L	Rain inches	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
12/12	45	33	Trace						
12/13	43	27	0						
12/14	51	33	0.29						
12/15	50	26	0.18	33	29	31	31	28	
12/16	27	20	Trace	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
12/17	27	20	0.08	23	22	28	21	20	21
12/18	36	27	0	Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Few Snow Showers	Cloudy	Mostly Sunny

**RECIPE OF THE WEEK**

**WARM SPINACH & ARTICHOKE CUPS**

**Ingredients:**

24 wonton wrappers  
1 can (14 oz) artichoke hearts, drained, finely chopped  
1 cup Shredded Mozzarella Cheese  
1 pkg. (10 oz) frozen chopped spinach, thawed, squeezed dry

**Directions:**

HEAT oven to 350°F.  
PLACE 1 wonton wrapper in each of 24 mini muffin cups sprayed with cooking spray, with edges of wrapper extending over top of cup. Bake 5 min. Meanwhile, combine remaining ingredients.  
SPOON artichoke mixture into wonton cups.  
BAKE 12 to 14 min. or until filling is heated through and edges of cups are golden brown.

Prep Time: 20 min  
Cook Time: 17 min  
Total Time: 37 min

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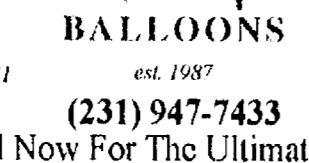
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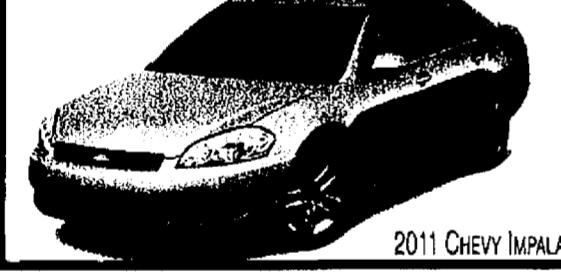
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Nolan Ryan (140) wrestles against Elk Rapids during last Monday's meet at GHS.

Jeff Myers (215) wins his match vs. Elk Rapids on Monday night.

## Wrestlers defeat Elks, Blazers in league opener

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On Wednesday night the Vikings posted two more league wins, defeating Boyne City and Charlevoix in a meet hosted by the Rayders. Grayling won 48-21 vs. Boyne City. The Vikings defeated Charlevoix 54-12.

Ghayge Toomey, Blake Hatfield, Elmy, Handrich, Jensen, Myers, and Joseph all won two matches during the meet. Cheney, Schultz, and Jacob Thomas each won one match.

"Two wins tonight makes us 4-0 in our conference,

which sets up an important

match against Traverse City St. Francis in January for the regular season championship," Coach Moore said.

(The Lake Michigan Conference has had wrestling as an official league sport for six years; Grayling has won the league title in four of those years and Traverse City St. Francis has won it twice, including last year.)

The wrestling team (4-0 league) will host Kingsley and Rogers City on Wednesday, Dec. 21.



The referee signals a win for Cody Elmy during last week's league meet vs. the Kalkaska Blazers. Elmy won his 100th match during a tournament on Saturday.

## Wrestler wins 100th match at Farwell

The Vikings placed fifth out of 10 teams and one Grayling High School wrestler won his 100th career match during the Farwell Invitational on Saturday.

Two Vikings won tournament championships in their weight divisions at Farwell: Cody Elmy and Brandon Handrich. Both wrestlers were 5-0 during the event.

Elmy, in his first bout of the tournament, earned his 100th career high school wrestling victory.

Ghayge Toomey and Zack Cheney posted 4-1

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